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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
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### New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

### Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

### Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
Every 2nd & 4th Friday: 7:30 PM  
(or by appointment)

### MASS

Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM  
*Children's Liturgy at: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass*

*Weekday Eucharist*  
Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

\* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer  
(One half hour before Mass)

### DEVOTIONS

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
First Fridays (excluding holidays) 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

*Holy Hour*  
Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

*Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help*  
Mondays 6:30 PM

*Divine Mercy*  
Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

### PARISH LIFE

Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132  
Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457  
Social Committee 905-822-8132  
Ministry of Consolation & Hope 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4  
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5  
Club 55 club55@st-ignatius-loyola.com  
Youth Group 905-822-8132 ext. 6  
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544  
Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3  
(Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

### SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220  
Iona Catholic Secondary 905-823-0136

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2015

## "My kingship is not of this world"

Do you recognize that the Lord Jesus have been given all authority and power to reign over heaven and earth? Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Messiah King (John 18:37) who would rule not only over his people Israel but ultimately over all the nations as well (Daniel 7:13-14).

### ***God is King and Ruler over all***

What is the significance or meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems antiquated, especially in democratic societies where everyone is treated equal and free. God at first did not want to give his people Israel a king. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and promised his people that through David's line he would establish a Ruler and a Kingdom that would last for eternity (Psalm 89:29).

The Jews understood that the Messiah ("Anointed One") would come as God's anointed King to restore paradise and establish God's reign of everlasting peace for them. They wanted a Messianic King who would free them from strife and division and from foreign oppression. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah and Ruler for Israel. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to possess.

### ***Jesus' claim to kingship***

Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, condemnation and death, and to free us from Satan's kingdom of deception, oppression, and destruction. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty day fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus knew that the world was in Satan's power. And this was precisely why Jesus came - to overthrow Satan's power and deception over the earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father's will and strategy for overcoming sin and Satan in the world. The Father sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it through the atoning sacrifice which Jesus would make for us through the shedding of his blood on the cross of Calvary.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but King of all the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his resurrection. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. In the Book of Revelations Jesus is called *King of kings and Lord and lords* (Revelations 19:16). Do you recognize Jesus Christ as your King and Lord?

### ***Which ruler and kingdom will you serve?***

The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - or the false messiah and ruler who is called the "anti-Christ" and an "angel of light" who rules by lies and deception.

If we serve the Lord Jesus Christ he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us on the course that leads to our true homeland and security with God. If we follow the course which is set by the world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and greed will lead us down a path of destruction, division, and death rather than life, community, and freedom.

Which kingdom will you serve - today and for all eternity? The world which passes away or God's kingdom which lasts for all time? If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King we become citizens of an everlasting kingdom which is governed by God's righteousness, peace, and love. Is your life submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

*"Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King and there is no other. Be the Lord and Master of my heart, mind, body, and soul. May I always seek to do your will and to serve your kingdom above all else."*

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### **PARISH SECRETARY - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, MISSISSAUGA**

Our Parish Secretary for 32 years is retiring and we are seeking applicants to fill this position. Reporting to the Pastor this position is responsible for the office administration of the Parish except for bookkeeping. This is a full time position with competitive benefits.

For further information about this position see the Notice Board at the back of the church. Résumés and a covering letter should be sent to Father Bernard Vellozo by email at [ann@st-francisofassisi.ca](mailto:ann@st-francisofassisi.ca), by fax to 905-822-6620, direct mail, or delivered by Monday, November 30, 2015.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

+ Mattea Lamanna  
+ Severo & Angelita Carreon

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 8:00 A.M.**

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

*INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

*INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 8:00 A.M.**

*INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 7:00 P.M.**

*INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Vigil Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

+ Lionel D'Souza

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. *INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

9:30 a.m. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 a.m. + Bradley & Holding Families

12:30 p.m. *INTENTIONS AVAILABLE*

Please call the parish office, 905-822-8132, Ext. 3, to arrange a Mass Intention.

### "PROJECT HOPE"

This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or call (416) 934-3411. You may also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827.



### SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2015/16

Sunday Missals for the new Liturgical Year which starts on the weekend of November 29 are on sale at the back of the church at a cost of \$5 each. Please try to have the correct change ☺ Thank you so much.

### PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor as soon as possible. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

### 2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2016 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and remember to print your name and address on the first 3 envelopes you use in January 2016. Thank you.

### THE 3RD PATRICIANS' MEETING BY THE LEGION OF MARY:

Let's continue our discussions about our faith. Have a fun and informative evening at the 3rd Patricians' meeting sponsored by the Legion of Mary. It will be held on Monday, November 23rd after the Novena Mass at 7:30pm. The topic to be discussed is "The Beatitudes." All parishioners and friends are welcome. Hot beverage and light refreshments will be served.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24**

6:00 p.m. (Children's Christmas Pageant),  
8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day, Friday, December 25**

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family, December 26 & 27**

Sat. at 5:00 p.m.

Sun. at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

*(Holy day of Obligation)*

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2015 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Please help support Knights of Columbus activities in our community. Pre-order your \*\*2015 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS\*\* Nov. 21/22, and 28/29, after all Masses. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL OPEN HOUSE – MEET THE CATHEDRAL RESTORATION ARTISTS

Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

Extensive restoration has taken place over the last several years, with the cathedral closed since June 2015 for major work. Come celebrate our faith in the city and meet the restoration artists of St. Michael's Cathedral. CONTACT: Jane Fleming, Business Manager PHONE: 416-364-0234 WEB: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com)

### CARMEL HEIGHTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2015

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