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Feast of the Holy Family

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previous years through the Pre-Authorized Form of
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The Schedule of Holy Mass for New Year
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

At St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

December 31 at 5 PM
 January 1 at 9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

At St. Peter's Mission Church

December 31 at 7 PM
 Please note that there will be no 7:30 AM Mass on January 1

May the Lord Jesus, who lived with his holy family in Nazareth,
 dwell also with your family, keep it from all evil, and make all of
 you one in heart and mind all throughout the New Year!

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 26)

5:00 PM +Open

Sunday (December 27)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 +Isidro & Maria San Diego

12:30 PM +Philomena Fernandes

Monday (December 28)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (December 29)

7:30 AM +Rev. Stephen Sommerville

Wednesday (December 30)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (December 31)

5:00 PM For the Parish Community

7:00 PM For the Parish Community

Friday (January 1)

9 AM For the Parish Community

11 AM For the Parish Community

12:30 PM For the Parish Community

Saturday (January 2)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors
 and their families

If you wish to offer a Holy Mass for
 yourself or someone you loved, please
 see Cecilia at the desk or call the
 Parish Office or use the form on the
 parish website. Thank you.

If you have changed your address in recent
 months, please advise the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our
 Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,407,537

Architectural & other Fees

\$576,564.05

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,984,101.05

Please remember to pray daily for
our church building project

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins

Brampton

7:00 pm

St. Mary's Parish

66A Main St. South, Brampton

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast. During the extensive renovations at St. Michael's Cathedral,

Mercy is the heart of God

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this. It is not surprising that the Apostle Paul tells the Christians of Rome to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep, or that he encourages the Corinthians to take up collections as a sign of solidarity with the suffering members of the Church. And St. John writes: "If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet refuses help, how does God's love abide in him?"

This then is why "it is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

We too, then, are called to make compassion, love, mercy and solidarity a true way of life, a rule of conduct in our relationships with one another. This requires the conversion of our hearts: the grace of God has to turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, open to others in authentic solidarity. For solidarity is much more than a "feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far". Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all", because compassion flows from fraternity.

Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus will again collect your empty wine bottles after the holidays. The empty wine bottles will go to support the Special Olympics. Thank you for your support!

The Theology of the Body

9:30 AM

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Hall

2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga

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Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee

on

Friday, January 8, 2016

Mass 4:30 pm

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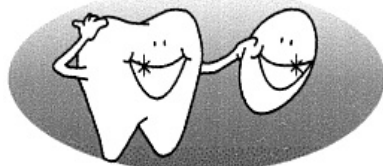
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