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## 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)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## MASS

Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON  
*Children's Liturgy at: 10:00 a.m. Mass*

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

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

## DEVOTIONS

*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  
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Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544  
Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3  
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## SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2018

**“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people”**

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world.

As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of peace (restoration of relationship with God - Ephesians 6:15), of hope (the hope of heaven and everlasting life - Colossians 1:23 ), of truth (God's word is true and reliable - Colossians 1:5), of promise (he rewards those who seek him - Ephesians 3:6), of immortality (God gives everlasting life - 2 Timothy 1:10), and the good news of salvation (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God - Ephesians 1:13).

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step.

Repentance means to change - to change your way of thinking, attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of the heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. When Jesus preached the gospel message he called others to follow as his disciples and he gave them a mission - "to catch people for the kingdom of God." What kind of disciples did he choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory? Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

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## **SIGN OF PEACE AT MASS**

Due to the flu season, we are suspending the exchange of the Sign of Peace at Mass. If you would like to verbally or with a head nod express Peace to your neighbour, please do so.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at [office@stfrancisofassisi.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisofassisi.ca).

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **Weekday Mass Attendees**

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the parish from January 29 to February 6 inclusive. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during this time. The Saturday/Sunday Masses the weekend of February 3 and 4 will be celebrated by visiting priests.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 – 8:00 A.M.**

*Intention Available*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Leona and Vesty MacDonald

+ Danielle Schmalz

+ Nancy and Joe MacDonald

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** + Baby Winifred Winkels

**10:00 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**12:00 Noon** *Intention Available*

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We thank you for your contributions to the Church in 2017 and advise you that income tax receipts will be issued in February 2018. In order to receive an income tax receipt for contributions to the Church, we strongly suggest you take a box of Offertory Envelopes each year. Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are located at the back of the Church. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Join us February 3 At St. Augustine's Seminary for a day to learn about "An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Why Your Matter Matters". From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ambrozic room. Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel followed by lunch. For more information call 416-261-7207.

### A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

The Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese of Toronto is happy to announce the Celebration of Marriage Mass at Blessed Trinity Church on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3 p.m. Couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured at this special Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 10 a.m.

OR

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 at 10 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall (Basement).

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Please provide the full name and complete address of the Church where you were baptized, especially if you were baptized overseas. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$40 for the Confirmation resource fee

3. The name of your Confirmation Sponsor. A Confirmation Sponsor must fulfill the following conditions:

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practicing Catholic
- Not be the parent of the Candidate

**THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2018. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2019.**

### REFUGEE COMMITTEE INFORMATION ON WEBSITE!

As suggested by many of you, we will be posting the proposed activities with the Saffar family on the St Francis of Assisi website. It will be available under Ministries, Refugee Committee during the week of January 15. In future we will post key pieces of information on the website and will notify you through the church bulletin.

### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

**Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga**  
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