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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
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Melinda Mayo, Parish Secretary  
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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  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4  
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5  
J.O.Y. Social Club joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com  
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

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

## "Jesus taught with authority"

faith  
love  
hope

Do you believe that God's word has power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.

### ***Faith works through love and abounds in hope.***

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) remarked that "faith is mighty, but without love it profits nothing. The devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing. They said, 'What have we to do with you' (Mark 1:24)? They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils."

Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13). Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26,27).

Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity. That is why the word of Christ has power to set us free from all that would keep us bound in sin, deception, and despair. Bede the venerable abbot of an English monastery (672-735) contrasted the power and authority of Jesus' word with the word of the devil: "The devil, because he had deceived Eve with his tongue, is punished by the tongue, that he might not speak" [*Homilies on the Gospels* 1.8].

### ***Faith must be nourished with the Word of God***

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word submissively, with an eagerness to do everything the Lord desires, we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your life according to his word?

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

*Mass for the  
Intentions Week*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

*No Mass*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 – 8:00 A.M.**

*No Mass*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 – 7:00 P.M.**

*No Mass*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – 8:00 A.M.**

*No Mass*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 7:00 P.M.**

*No Mass*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – 5:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

+ Essie Burns

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** *Intention Available*

**12:00 Noon** + Nader Shouli

### CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs](http://www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs) for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

### 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.**

### NEW BEGINNINGS: PRAYING OUR GOODBYES

The New Beginnings Ministry invites you to a Lenten Retreat "Praying Our Goodbyes". New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered loss through separation, divorce or death of a loved one. The Retreat takes place on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 11 Peter St. S. Mississauga. Lunch and refreshments provided. The retreat is facilitated by Deacon Curtis Boone and team and is provided at no cost. Please register by phone: to St. Padre Pio Parish office at 905-893-7879, or [newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com](mailto:newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com)

### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

#### Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga

FEBRUARY 16-18. The retreat will be preached by the Centre team- Oblate Father Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. For information or registration please call 905-278-5229.



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