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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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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

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

## “Jesus healed many who were sick”

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (c. 347-420), reflects on this passage:

“Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (Cf. John 1:26) 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15). Faith holds Jesus among us. If we are unable to seize his hand, let us prostrate ourselves at his feet. If we are unable to reach his head, let us wash his feet with our tears. Our repentance is the perfume of the Saviour. See how costly is the compassion of the Savior.”

Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in your personal life, family, and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you?

*“Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is neither trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service.” Amen.*

### 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@st-francisofassisi.ca](mailto:office@st-francisofassisi.ca)

### 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.

### THANK YOU!

Fr. Bernard is grateful to Andrew Turnbull for generously donating his time, expertise and energy in repairing and upgrading the church pews. May our Lord continue to bless you!



### ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy service on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Liturgies are also available at:

**St. Christopher's Parish** - 9:00

a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Merciful Redeemer** - Wed., Feb. 14 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**St. Ignatius Loyola** - Wed., Feb. 14 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**St. Martin of Tours** - Wed., Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier** - Wed., Feb. 14 at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

*Mass for the  
Intentions Week*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

*No Mass*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 8:00 A.M.**

*No Mass*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Louisa D'Souza

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the  
Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Emilia Ceravolo

+ Antony Joseph

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Elsa Giovannelli-Macciacchera

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30 A.M.**

+ John Staton

+ Danute Saltmiras & Bruno Fragomeni

+ Roma Gagliano

**10:00 A.M.**

S.I. Marcin Wojciechowski

**12:00 Noon**

S.I. Parish Community

### 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 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 info 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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