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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

## Pastoral Staff

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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

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

## "I have called you friends"

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**W**hat is the greatest act of love which one can give for the sake of another? Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. How is such love possible or even desirable? God made us in love for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

Scripture tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8) - and everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much - far beyond what we could ever expect or deserve - that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. That is why the Father sent us his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In this great exchange - the Father giving up his Son to death on the cross in order to give us abundant everlasting life and adopting us as his beloved sons and daughters in Christ (Romans 8:14-17).

Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment - a new way of loving and serving one another. Jesus' love was wholly directed toward the good of others.

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare. He personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us.

The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. He loved his own to the end (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

The Lord Jesus gives his followers a new commandment - a new way of love that goes beyond giving only what is required or what we think others might deserve. What is the essence of Jesus' new commandment of love? It is a love to the death - a purifying love that overcomes selfishness, fear, and pride. It is a total giving of oneself for the sake of others - a selfless and self-giving love that is oriented towards putting the welfare of others ahead of myself.

The Lord Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do you wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

*"Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola)*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from Monday, May 21 to Friday, May 25 inclusive at a mandatory priests retreat. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

### BRING LIFE TO OTTAWA

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our Nation's Capital by coach on Thursday, May 10, 2018 to attend the annual March for Life event. A coach will leave from St Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m., right after the 6:00 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$50. Contact John Killackey at 905-820-9232 for more information.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**MONDAY, MAY 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Edgar and Tessie Angulo

**TUESDAY, MAY 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, MAY 10 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offences committed against the

Most Holy Eucharist

**FRIDAY, MAY 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

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**SATURDAY, MAY 12 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Kam Fong Shun-Tin

+ Irene Lee

**SUNDAY, MAY 13 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**8:30 A.M.** + Mary Nevins

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

**12:00 P.M.** S.I. For an end to abortion

+ Maria Lombardi

+ Lactancia Rego



**Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly.....**

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBERS**

We have several offertory envelopes with no name attached to them. These numbers are 17, 106, 108, 128, 201, 243, 305, 355, 359, 429, 467 and 659. If one of these numbers belong to you and you would like to receive a tax receipt, please notify the office as soon as possible.

**SPRING FLOWER SALE**

Flowers will be ready for pick-up Mother's Day weekend May 12 and 13. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981 or Mike Genua at 416-804-3457

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/CONCERT**

The Knight of Columbus is hosting a Fund Raising Dinner/Concert on June 15, 2018 at LeDome. Please mark your calendars and help us with this event. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ing at (905) 608-0608.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Another scripture study series will begin here at St. Francis on Thursday, April 26th at 6:15 to 7:15 in the parish hall. The focus will be on Acts of the Apostles, chapters 9 through 28. We'll start with a review of chapters 1 through 8 for newcomers. Please join us!

**LEGION OF MARY PATRICIANS MEETING**

To welcome the month of May, the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary, we are holding a meeting on May 7th at 7:30 pm after the Novena Mass. The topic for our discussion - "Why Do Catholics Venerate Mary?" Do you know the answer to this question? Or, are you asking this question yourself? Light refreshments will be served.

**JOIN US IN THE GARDENS**

It seems that spring really has arrived. The garden committee welcomes any new members who wish to work in the church gardens. No previous gardening experience is necessary. If you are a student who needs volunteer hours, this is the place for you. We meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m., but we can accommodate you at any other time. Join us to enjoy the beauty of nature and to share in the companionship of other gardeners. If interested, call Dolores at 905-822-5297.

**BIRTHRIGHT CALLING!**

Do you have 3 hours a week to dedicate to our unique service? Birthright is a local volunteer organization that works small miracles in the lives of women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Please call 905-273-9409 11am-2pm, or email [birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com](mailto:birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com)

**LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW**

The Legion of Mary invites you and your friends to celebrate the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by coming to our Book Barrow after all Masses on May 12th and 13th. You will be able to browse and borrow numerous religious books and publications. You will also be able chat with fellow parishioners while enjoying some light refreshments and hot coffee and tea.

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