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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

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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

### DEVOTIONS

*Holy Hour*  
Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help* Wednesday during Mass  
*Rosary* Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:40

*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  
Ministry of Consolation & Hope 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4  
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5  
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

### SCHOOLS

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

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 17, 2019

## “Blessed are you poor - yours is the kingdom of God”

When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbor. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

*"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."*

### KIDS LENT DRAWING CONTEST

Inviting all kids in Grade 8 and under to think about the following question and create a picture about it: **"What is Lent?"**

Winners will be picked from different age groups and their drawing will be shared in the bulletin during Lent. Entry forms are available from the parish office and after all Masses. Contest closes Sunday March 3rd. We can't wait to see what you create!

### SAVE THE DATE

May 31, 2019



The Knights of Columbus Annual Fundraiser is a Beatles Dinner/Dance featuring Canada's top Beatles tribute band, LIVERPOOL4. Join them at Le

Dome Banquet Hall, Oakville. Tickets are \$70 per person.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Louise Killackey

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.**

+ Helen and Bill Yanchus

S.I. Samuel and Theodore Ho

**10:00 A.M.**

+ Sonia Lim

**12:00 P.M.**

S.I. Parish Community

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
REGISTRATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at 10 a.m.

**OR**

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 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 the certificate is not in English. If there is a fax number, please include it. This information can be **PRINTED** on the reverse side of the Baptism Certificate

2. \$50 for the Confirmation resource fee

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

- a. Confirmed Catholic
- b. 16 years of age or older
- c. Practicing Catholic
- d. Not be the parent of the Candidate

**THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2019. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2020.**

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH**

Catholic Women's Conference on March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Speakers and topics include: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mary Wagner, Fr. Eric Mah, & Dorothy Pilarski. Celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year! Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. To register go to [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com) or call 416-907-1042.

**CALLING ALL GIRLS**

On March 22, enjoy an evening of high-powered talks. Meet new people. Learn the truth. Talk about it. Discover who you are. Avoid mistakes. Improve your relationships. John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Go to <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> or call 416-907-1042.

**LECTIO - PHILIPPIANS**



Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Starting March 7, join the Prayer Group for a 6 week DVD series. In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Philippians: Life in Christ

**COME & SEE WEEKEND**



The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary the weekend of March 15-17. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Father Bernard and our St. Francis family for your generous food drive contributions. Together we collected an incredible 1,885 lbs of food, and \$477.00 in donations. Further details are in today's bulletin, so please take one home."

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