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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  
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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

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

## “Do good to those who hate you”



What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

### Give and forgive - the two wings of prayer

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer:

"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need" (Sermon 205.3). "Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds" (Sermon 206.2).

### Bless and do not curse.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21). Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good?

*"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone."*

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS



Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Masses in neighbouring parishes are:

**St. Christopher's Parish** - Wed., Mar. 6 at 9:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Merciful Redeemer** - Wed., Mar. 6 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**St. Ignatius Loyola** - Wed., Mar. 6 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION



Lent is drawing near and we have invited Fr. Ben St. Croix C.C. to lead our Lenten Mission. Fr. Ben will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 9 and 10. He will invite parishioners to join him on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in a Lenten Mission. Please mark your calendars and join us. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

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

**THIS IS THE LAST REGISTRATION SESSION BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2019. IF YOU MISS THIS SESSION, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2020.**

### PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018

DAILY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m.

ROSARY: Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:40 p.m.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Sung on Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month following the 7 p.m. Mass and Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can't wait to see what you create!

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Rocca and Gabriel Mansour

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Hatch Family

+ Aubert Daignealt

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Parish Community

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Ajoy Colaco

**10:00 A.M.** + Flavia Di Stefano

**12:00 P.M.** S.I. Janet and Kerry English

### 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, at 7:30 p.m. 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.

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