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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernard Vellozo, Pastor  
Deacon Don Roberts  
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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

### DEVOTIONS

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

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

*Divine Mercy*  
Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

### PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup	905-822-8032
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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 28, 2019

**“Unless I see - I will not believe”**

**D**o you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

*"Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."*

## THANK YOU!

Fr. Bernard is grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations beautiful expressions of our faith. A special thanks to those who decorated the church, the lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and altar servers. The ministry of Fr. Roger and Deacons Don and Richard were also much appreciated. Happy Easter to all!

## PLEASE NOTE

For the next 2 Saturdays (May 4 and May 11), Confessions will be from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. as Fr. Bernard will be rehearsing with the First Holy Communion children before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

## 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).



**Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada.**

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**



On Thursday May 9, a Coach bus is booked to take participants from **Merciful Redeemer** parking lot following a 6 a.m. Mass. The bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. sharp and will return to MR at around 9 pm that evening. The cost is \$40 pp. You can pay at The Church office (of Merciful Redeemer) which will secure your seat.

**SPRING FLOWER SALE**

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus spring flower sale. Plant pick up will be the Mother's Day weekend May 11 & 12.



**2019 ACTS RETREATS**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga) Women's Retreat - May 2 - 5, 2019, Men's Retreat - May 30 - June 2, 2019 ACTS is an acronym for: Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life. For more information, please visit [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org). Women's Retreat contact Verena Mayhew (905) 820-1214 or [verena.mayhew@bell.net](mailto:verena.mayhew@bell.net). Men's Retreat contact Marcel Pouliot (905) 961-7111 or [marcel@artechindustrial.ca](mailto:marcel@artechindustrial.ca).



**MONDAY, APRIL 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 – 8:00 A.M.**

No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 – 8:00 A.M.**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

No Mass

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 – 5:00 P.M.**

- + Josiphine McKinney
- + Muriel Johnson
- + Tom Quigg

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8.30 A.M.** + Alma and Joseph Dodgson
- 10:00 A.M.** Intention Available
- 12:00 P.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**THE REAL STORY OF CATHOLIC HISTORY**

St. Francis Xavier Parish invites you to a presentation by Steve Weidenkopf, the American creator, co-author and presenter of Epic: A Journey through Church History. Discover why we are Catholics. Cost \$15. For more information contact the parish a905-890-5290.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE**

"Refreshed & Renewed" Saturday, May 4 and 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Academy 66 Dufferin Park Ave., Toronto Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us for a weekend of praise & worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a Spirit-filled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow yourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Free admission with lunch included. Pre-registration is a must. Contact CCRC Toronto at 416-466-0776 or email [CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:CCRCtorontoinfo@gmail.com).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Why Is the Church Always Asking for More Money? On May 13 all young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap – an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided. Come and bring a friend! Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. E., Mississauga. For more information contact Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.

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