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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 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

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26, 2019

## "My peace I give to you"

**D**o you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself? In Jesus' last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Augustine says the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love. God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love - to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and to love him in return.

How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us. The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less.

How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and strengthens us with his gifts and supernatural virtues which enable us to live as wise and holy disciples of Christ.

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul who was noted for his godly wisdom and preaching of Scripture, linked peace with the character of Christ and the Christ like virtues which help us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Caesarius describes some of the key character traits (virtues) which form us into true people of peace:

"Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. When the peace of Christ is exercised by a Christian, it is brought to perfection by Christ. If anyone loves it, he will be an heir of God, while anyone who despises it rebels against Christ. (Sermon 174.1)

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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Next Sunday, June 2, the young people of our parish schools will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please let us unite in prayer for them in this special time and ask the Holy Spirit to keep igniting their hearts and help them in their journey to Jesus.

### BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

On the weekend of June 8 and 9 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Please place your donations in securely tied green garbage bags or sealed boxes Thank you for your generosity.

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

**MONDAY, MAY 27 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Tom and Dean McMillen
- + Scarlett Johnston

**TUESDAY, MAY 28 – 8:00 A.M.**

- + Miguel Carvalho

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**THURSDAY, MAY 30 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, MAY 31 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1 – 5:00 P.M.**

- + Jack Quigg
- + Bill Kovalchuk
- + Luigi, Michael and Angelina Natuzzi

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

- 8:30 A.M.** Intention Available
- 10:00 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community
- 12:00 P.M.** Intention Available

**MADE FOR MORE**



Have you ever wondered where we come from and where we are going? Come to Merciful Redeemer Parish on May 29, from 7:00 - 9:30 pm,

to experience an evening with Christopher West and Mike Mangione, who will illuminate you with a presentation that combines insightful teaching, live music, videos, sacred art and moments of reflection that will lead you on a path of discovery. Tickets cost \$20. Contact Kurtis at 647-378-3537 or the MRP office 905-812-0030. You can purchase tickets online at [www.corproject.com/torontowest](http://www.corproject.com/torontowest).

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**



Kindly DO NOT USE 2018 Offering Envelopes as this could impact your 2018 Tax Receipt. 2019 Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Kindly PRINT your name and address on the first four offering envelopes. The following 2019 Offering Envelope Numbers have not been identified: 235, 357, 365, 368, 377, 399, 453, 527, 532, 546, 556 and 589. If one of these numbers belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish and your assistance in these matters.



**Living the Gospel by supporting isolated seniors.**

In the span of three months, Debbie felt she had lost everything. Her partner of 33 years died, her leg was amputated, and she could no longer care for her beloved pets. She turned to the Society of Sharing, a ShareLife funded agency, who partnered her with a volunteer named Geof. Not only did Geof provide friendship, he used his teaching background to help Debbie fulfill a lifelong goal: learning how to properly read. Though it will be impossible for Debbie to regain all she has lost, her life is feeling full again.

**JUNE 2 IS THE NEXT SHARELIFE SUNDAY. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Are you graduating from high school? Are you entering your first year of studies at a Canadian University/College in September 2019? Tell us about your service to Church, School, and Community and you could be a successful recipient of The Knights of Columbus \$1,000 Scholarship Program. Hurry, application deadline is June 1st. Visit [www.kofc8668.org](http://www.kofc8668.org) or see The Knights of Columbus bulletin board in the Church foyer for details.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING DINNER DANCE**



The Knights of Columbus Annual Fundraiser is a Beatles Dinner/Dance featuring Canada's top Beatles tribute band, LIVERPOOL4. Join them on May 31 at Le Dome Banquet

Hall, Oakville. Tickets are \$70 per person. For more information contact Mike Genua at 416-804-3457 or Nick Valant at 905-782-8073.

**FAMILY AT THE HEART OF PRAYER**

Cardinal Thomas Collins is pleased to invite families from across the diocese to our second annual Archdiocesan gathering of families! Our family-friendly day will include inspirational talks from Cardinal Collins and families, prayer, praise and worship, Saturday morning Mass, and hands-on activities. Saturday, June 22 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. Contact Ella Okonkwo at 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or [eokonkwo@archtoronto.org](mailto:eokonkwo@archtoronto.org)

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