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## 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

## 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 905-822-8132  
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

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 6, 2019

**“Lord, increase our faith!”**

**H**ow strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, indefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our faith can move trees and mountains as well (see Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:23)? The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. Do you trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to help us resist temptation and to overcome obstacles in doing his will?

*"Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me, and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life"*

## ACTS RETREAT

ACTS Retreats at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga – Come and renew yourself spiritually to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life. The Women's Retreat is November 14-17. Contact: Peggy Schreader, 416-270-3690 or [peggyschreader@gmail.com](mailto:peggyschreader@gmail.com). The Men's Retreat will take place on November 21 – 24. Please contact, Lorenzo Stampatori, 416-300-0152. For more info please visit: [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will be away from the Parish from Monday, October 28 to Thursday, October 31 inclusive, at a mandatory priests seminar. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Antony Joseph

+Xavier Mario Rutherford

S.I. Brock Stanley

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Bill Kovalchuk

**SUNDAY, OCT. 13 – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** + Zdenek Becka

+ Margaret and Desmond Somers

**12:00 P.M.** + Ignacio Uy Tan

+ Genciano Uy Tan

+ Lydia Co



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From Sept. 25 through Nov. 3, please join with others in a peaceful daily prayer vigil asking for God's protection of all human life. Vigil runs daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for 40 days at the public right-of-way close to the Mississauga Women's Clinic 101 Queensway (at Confederation). Free parking and sign in at nearby St. Catherine of Sienna parish. Our parish date to pray at the vigil site is October 30, 2019. If you cannot be there on that day please sign up for another date or contact [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga) or [rightlifemb@gmail.com](mailto:rightlifemb@gmail.com). 40 Days for Life midpoint Holy hour will take place on Friday October 18 at 7:30 pm after the 7:00 pm Mass.

**K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

There will be an opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus after all Masses on the weekend of October 19 and 20 about the work of the Knights and to consider joining this fraternal Catholic organization.



**RENEW TORONTO YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

Renew Toronto is a conference for all Young Adults aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women! Unite with one another to collectively RENEW our Hearts, RENEW our Call and RENEW our Community. On November 9 join the OCY at Isabel Bader Theatre, Toronto. For more information contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676.

**AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY**

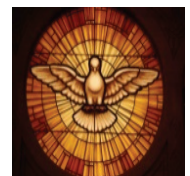
Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. October 7 at 4:45 at St. Augustine Seminary. For more info email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call 416-968-0997.

**PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

On October 19, the Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting a Parish Ministry Conference aimed at inspiring and equipping pastoral teams to better serve the parish community. Conference is being held at St. Basil the Great College School in North York. Learn more at [www.archtoronto.org/foundation](http://www.archtoronto.org/foundation) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Join us for the Life in the Spirit Seminar to experience the work of the Holy Spirit in you. The session includes praise songs, talks, testimony, group sharing, inner healing and infilling of the Holy Spirit. Confessions will be available on Saturday. Pre-registration is required, lunch will be provided. October 18-20 at Daughters of St. Paul, North York. Register at [www.jtgs.ca](http://www.jtgs.ca) or call 416-843-6644/905-686-6477.



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