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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 |

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020

## "You are the salt of the earth"

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavour to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavour for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavour of God's kingdom everywhere.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away. How can we lose our "saltiness"? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin.

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be "the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life" (2 Corinthians 2:15-16). Do you allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of your life, your thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light-bearers* of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

*"Lord Jesus, you guide me by the light of your saving truth. Fill my heart and mind with your light and truth and free me from the blindness of sin and deception that I may see your ways clearly and understand your will for my life. May I radiate your light and truth to others in word and deed".*

### RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life Mississauga and Area is sponsoring a Saturday morning meeting: "Inspire yourself & others to become more involved in the cause of Life" It will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 10:30am (there is a Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary for those who would like attend) at Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga. A continental breakfast will be served. All are welcome.

### FR. DAMIAN'S INSTALLATION

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at Fr. Damian's installation as Pastor on Saturday, February 15 (Family Day Weekend), during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we welcome Fr. Damian to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Reception to follow downstairs in the church hall.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Margaret Menezes

S.I. Ewa Kleszcz

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – 8:00 A.M.**

Intention Available

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – 8:00 A.M.**

In reparation for offenses committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Jerald Pereira

### **SUNDAY, FEB. 16 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30 A.M.** S.I. Parish Community

**10:00 A.M.** S.I. Ozwald and Vijaya Sequeira

S.I. Carmine Spadafora & Elizabeth Schembri

**12:00 P.M.** + Mary Fitzgerald Forsyth

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE Weekday Mass Attendees**

There will be no Mass celebrated on Family Day, Monday, February 17, 2020.

### **SHARELIFE**



Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Giving Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 at 10 a.m.

**OR**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 7:00 p.m.

In order to register for Confirmation, please bring the following with you to the meeting:

**1. PHOTOCOPY OF THE CANDIDATE'S CATHOLIC BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**

2. \$50 for the Confirmation resource fee

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

- Confirmed Catholic
- 16 years of age or older
- Practicing Catholic
- Not be the parent of the Candidate

**THESE ARE THE ONLY 2 REGISTRATION SESSIONS BEING HELD FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2020. IF YOU MISS THESE SESSIONS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION IN 2021.**

### **DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH**



Catholic Women's Conference on March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Le Tre Port Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E., Mississauga. Celebrating our 11<sup>th</sup> year! Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis. For registration go to [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com) or call 416-907-1042. On Friday March 27 there is a Mother Daughter event which includes a book signing by Colleen Carroll Campbell. The speakers are Dr. Sandra Sagrati and Dorothy Pilarski.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD**

Please join us on, February 29 to Sunday, March 8, (Church is Closed Monday, March 1) as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. St. Josephine Bakhita Parish 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga. For more information call 905-826-1143.

### **2020 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

March 7 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The theme of this year's rally is "Jesus, Light of the World" featuring talks by Ralph Martin, Christy Dupuis, Msgr. Gregory Smith and keynote guest speaker Fr. James Mallon. an adult High Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. A separate youth event with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits is also taking place. For more info call (647) 243-9441 or go to [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca).

### **QUEEN OF APOSTLES RETREAT**

Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre is offering a retreat from March 6 – 8, 2020. The theme is Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives and will be led by Fr. Ron Rolheiser. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. To register or for more information call 905-278-5229.



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