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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor  
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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 usually held on two Sundays 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  
(or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 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

#### *Weekday Eucharist*

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

### DEVOTIONS

#### *Holy Hour*

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

#### *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary*

Wednesday during Mass  
Wednesday at 6:40

### 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  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021

## Who is the Greatest in God's Kingdom?

Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give it our full allegiance and mold our lives according to it? Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it. How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor (Psalm 8:5).

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7). Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?

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### SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ\\_Buk3g-bhw?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?)

### BUNDLE UP



On the weekend of September 25 and 26 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, SEPTEMBER 20 – 8:15 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – 8:30 A.M.**

+ Martha McCarthy

+ Danny Baldwin

+ Whitney Turner

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Clarence Roberts

+ Hugo Cardnas

+ Theresa Dassatti

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the

Most Holy Eucharist

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Jenn Pesa

S.I. Leah Padilla

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 5:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

### **SUN., SEPTEMBER 26 – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

S.I. Parish Community

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### WATCH

#### PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



### LEARN

#### FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.

### LISTEN

#### THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD AUDIO DRAMA

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood – a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.



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## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

## MASS TIME CHANGE

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall will be used as a polling station on Election Day, Monday, September 20th. In order to accommodate the voting schedule from 9:30am to 9:30pm, **Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am** on Monday, September 20th, and there will be NO evening Mass. Fr. Damian apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.



The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or RCIA, is offered at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8:30pm beginning at the end of September. Any adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic should contact the Parish Office and arrange a meeting with Fr. Damian as soon as possible. Baptized Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Communion or Confirmation may also participate in the RCIA in order to complete their initiation.

## LIFE CHAIN 2021

The Life Chain, the nation-wide, annual, peaceful, prayerful, silent witness to the sanctify of life, will take place on Sunday October 3, 2021 at the new time of 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet at 1:45 pm in the parking lot of the Woodchester Mall just east of Wendy's. Please spread the word. Abortions continue during the pandemic. Ideally, face coverings should be worn and social distancing of 6 feet observed at all times. For additional information, contact John Killackey at (905) 820-9232.

## ROSARY COAST TO COAST CANADA 2021

Please join the world in prayer, for world peace, by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 10, 2021 (Sunday), at 3 p.m. EDT. This is how you can get involved: Become a prayer captain by organizing an event in your parish or neighbourhood or light a candle and pray the Rosary at home, organize a prayer cenacle at 3 p.m. EDT, united with the rest of the world. If you are interested in becoming a prayer captain for your church or school and/or neighbourhood, please visit us at [www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca) for information on how to sign up on our website. Your event will be added to the list of Canadian events for others to join.

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