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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 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

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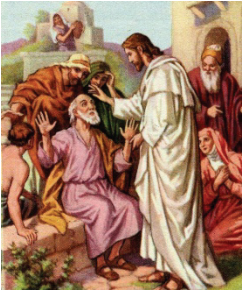
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# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2021

## "What Do You Want Me to Do for You?"



Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for a blind and destitute man, named Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. He knew who Jesus was and had heard of his fame for healing, but until now had no opportunity of making direct contact with the Son of David, a clear reference and title for the Messiah.

It took a lot of "guts" (courage) and persistence for Bartimaeus to get the attention of Jesus over the din of a noisy throng who crowded around Jesus as he made his way out of town. Why was the crowd annoyed with the blind man's persistent shouts? He was disturbing their peace and interrupting Jesus' discourse. It was common for a rabbi to teach as he walked with others. Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem and a band of pilgrims followed him. When the crowd tried to silence the blind man he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus.

This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his conversation and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready to respond to his need, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more.

Why did Jesus put a question to Bartimaeus - "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wanted to draw out of him a personal response of faith and trust in his power to heal and make whole. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize the Lord Jesus with "eyes of faith" as your merciful Lord and healer? Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen your faith that you may draw near to him and receive his grace and mercy.

*Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your grace and mercy. Strengthen my faith and trust in you that I may seek your presence daily and listen to your word with a readiness to follow you who are my All.*

### SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE



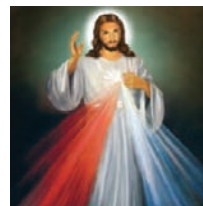
Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at

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?)

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET ON FRIDAYS



We have resumed the practice of gathering in St. Francis of Assisi Church for Divine Mercy Chaplet. Since congregational singing is still not permitted, a recorded version of the sung chaplet will

be played. Each participant must wear a face covering and physical distancing (6-feet) between members of different households is required. All are welcome.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 – 7:00 P.M.**

Intention Available

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 8:30 A.M.**

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Daniella Schmaltz
- + Rosemary Peterson
- + Jonathan Nicol

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 – 8:30 A.M.**

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 – 7:00 P.M.**

- + Anastasio Aquino
- S.I. Matteo Lombardi

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 – 5:00 P.M.**

- + Coronacion Frilles
- + Gerardo Frilles
- + Salvador Redillas

**SUN., OCTOBER 24 – 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**


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Each day until Oct 31, you're invited to join others for 40 days of prayer. Please stand with us in prayers for life

near the Mississauga Women's Clinic at 101 Queensway W. (at Confederation) for one or more hours during the 40 Days. Our parish date is Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 7am to 7pm. For more info call John Killackey (905) 820-9232 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga).



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**Next Sunday, October 31 is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION MEETINGS**



We will be holding First Reconciliation/communion and Confirmation registration meetings on the following dates:

- FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION:**  
Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- CONFIRMATION:**  
Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 p.m.
- Please remember to bring a **COPY** of your child's Baptism Certificate.

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

All Saints' Day is Thursday, November 1st. Mass will be celebrated at the regular time of 7:00 p.m.

+ The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.**

**BOOK OF LIFE**

Blank Memorial Sheets are available in the vestibule of the Church, to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Completed Memorial Sheets will be placed in the Book of Life to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

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