# **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

# Pastoral Staff

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor **Deacon Don Roberts** Deacon Richard Te Melinda Mayo, Office Administrator Joan Cabri, Parish Bookkeeper

### **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)

2473 Thorn Lodge Dr. Mississauga, ON L5K 1K8 www.stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org **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

Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays)

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

6:00 PM -6:50 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday during Mass Rosary 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

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# May 22, 2022

# "My peace I give to you"

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)



# 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/UCokoBfidk SQAZ Buk3g-bhw?

## THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

This weekend we have a collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. The annual "Pope's Pastoral Works" collection makes these funds available for distribution for disaster and humanitarian relief. In the name of Catholics everywhere, the Holy Father displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Thank you for your generosity.



MONDAY, MAY 23 - 7:00 P.M.

- + Joe Bisbonti
- + Eleanora Leshchski TUESDAY, MAY 24 – 8:30 A.M.
- + Edgar Angillo

<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 – 7:00 P.M.</u>

Intention Available

- THURSDAY, MAY 26 8:30 A.M.
- S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled marriages and families

FRIDAY, MAY 27 – 7:00 P.M.

- S.I. Adam & Ewa Kleszcz
- <u>SATURDAY, MAY 28 5:00 P.M.</u>
- + Ted Wielgus
- + Jim & Louise Killackey
- SUNDAY, MAY 29 6<sup>TH</sup> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
- S.I. Parish Community

# FORMED

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform. Best of all, this material is free to you.

There are 3 easy steps to Sign Up on FORMED:

- 1. Visit http://signup.formed.org/
- 2. Enter our parish code: L5K
- 3. Enter your name and email



# **STEUBENVILLE TORONTO**



Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest annual conference for Catholic teens. The conference is designed for groups of Catholic teens. Anyone currently in grades

9-12 can attend as part of a group. The next conference is scheduled

for July 15-17, 2022. Participants arrive in the late afternoon on Friday, July 15, and the conference ends on Sunday, July 17 after Mass which is usually around noon. The exact schedule will be released once it is finalized. Please go to <u>https://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/</u> for more information.



ShareLife Goal Update Thus far our parish has raised \$55,606.00 toward our goal of \$135,000.

# Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Please make your donation via the parish website, at sharelife.org, or during the ShareLife Sunday special collection on June 5. If you have any questions, please contact us at 416-934-3411 or slife@archtoronto.org. **Thank you for supporting ShareLife!** 

The True Nature of Peace



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## BEREAVEMENT DAY OF RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 9:00AM -3:00PM

THEME: LET THE HEALING HANDS OF JESUES BLESS YOU WITH PEACE AND COMFORT QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE, 905-278-5229 office@qoa.ca Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 905-624-4422

