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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor  
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Arlene Morgan, Lay Pastoral Assistant

### 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  
Every 2nd & 4th Friday during Holy Hour (6:15pm to 6:45pm).

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday  
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 - 7:00 PM

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help* Wednesday during Mass  
*Rosary* Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM  
*Divine Mercy* Friday at 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  
Men of St Francis (Kurtis Chong) 647-378-3537  
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

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 17, 2024

# When I Am Lifted up - I Will Draw All People to Myself

*“Lord Jesus, let me be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for you. I want to follow wherever you lead me. Give me fresh hope and joy in serving you all the days of my life.”  
Amen.*



### 2024 STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS IN LENT

March 22 - Mary's Way of the Cross

March 29(7pm)-Everyone's Way of the Cross  
**GOOD FRIDAY**



### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2024 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>

2 Priests present  
9:30am – 11:30am & 2:30pm -  
4:30pm

Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>

4 Priests present  
After 7pm Mass (7:45pm to 9pm or as long as  
necessary)



### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We invite all children in JK to Grade 3 to join us on Sundays during the 10AM Mass. Mark your calendar for Children's Liturgy **Sundays** set for:

**Mar 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) and April 7<sup>th</sup> .**



#### MONDAY, March 18- 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Richard & Daisy De La Torre  
S.I. Maria Estella Dizon (Thanksgiving)

#### TUESDAY, March 19 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intentions Available

#### WEDNESDAY, March 20 – 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

#### THURSDAY, March 21 – 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For the sins committed against  
the Most Holy Eucharist

#### FRIDAY, March 22– 7:00 P.M.

† Joseph & Angela Camilleri

† Rosemary DiFlorio

S.I. Perla & Jess Dantes

#### SATURDAY, March 23 - 5:00 P.M.

† Anne Doherty

† Rita Dos Ramos

† Mr. & Mrs. Custodio Xavier Dias

#### SUNDAY, March 24 -

**PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

#### TAX RECEIPTS

There has been a clerical error with the issuing of Tax Receipts. If you have received a tax receipt with the incorrect amount, the Archdiocese of Toronto will mail you an additional Tax Receipt with the balance of your donations. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you.

#### BRIDGE CLUB CANCELLED

The Bridge Club will be cancelled on the following days:

**Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Monday)**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** - March 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Sunday Mass Saturday – 5pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10am & 12pm



**Holy Thursday** – March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Mass

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
(NO 8:30am Mass)**

**Good Friday** – March 29<sup>th</sup> 12pm & 3pm Mass  
**CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS PASSION**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00pm

**Holy Saturday** – March 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Mass  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**(NO 4pm Confessions & NO 5pm Mass)**

**Easter Sunday** - March 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30am, 10:00am & 12pm (Noon)

**Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**

## THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE RCIA

**The Period of Purification and Enlightenment** focuses on three Scripture passages from the Gospel of John which awaken us to the three principal themes of Easter: water, light and new life. These Scripture Passages are: the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42); the healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41); and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44).

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the “elect” preparing for baptism participate in special rituals called “**scrutinies**.” These are rites for self-searching and repentance which are intended to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ.

**PRAY** for the elect as they continue their journey to Baptism.

**On Sunday, March 17, during the 10am mass, our elect will celebrate the Third Scrutiny**

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

**The annual Good Friday Collection** was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, we thank you for your support.

## THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE



**The Rosary Apostolate** has been faithfully visiting our Parish Elementary Schools,

once a month, to pray the Rosary with our students. They are a great inspiration to our students! We are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month. Training, screening, and materials will be provided. **If you are interested, please contact Betty or Margaret @ 647-239-0987**



## GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF A JOYFUL MARRIAGE

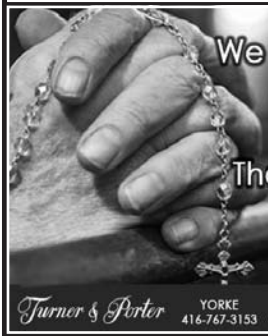
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