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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  
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

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

## Jesus Opened Their Minds to Understand the Scriptures

*“Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.” Amen.*



**SHARELIFE 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Date:**

Weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We invite all children in JK to Grade 3 to join us **EVERY** Sunday during the 10AM Mass.



### THE ROSARY APOSTOLATE



**The Rosary Apostolate** is 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.**

### LUNCH MONITOR



St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School is in search of lunch monitors to supervise children from 11:30AM – 12:30PM Monday through Friday. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office at (905) 822-3183.

#### MONDAY, April 15 7:00 P.M.

† Jean Zielinski

† Theotonio Goetz

#### TUESDAY, April 16 - 8:30 A.M.

Mass Intentions Available

#### WEDNESDAY, April 17 – 7:00 P.M.

† Elma Alvares

† Peter Drozdiuk

† Roswitha Dayem

#### THURSDAY, April 18 - 8:30 A.M.

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

#### FRIDAY, April 19– 7:00 P.M.

† Ramon Malayao

† Mario Moniz

† Mariathias Michael

#### SATURDAY, April 20 - 5:00 P.M.

† Rino & Juana Longo

S.I. Aiden Noronha

#### SUNDAY, April 21– 8:30 A.M., 10 A.M. & 12 P.M

Fourth Sunday of Easter

### HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?

We have **Tax Receipts** returned to the office by Canada Post due to incorrect addresses. If you have moved contact the parish office at 905-822-8132



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>

**POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION-MAY4<sup>TH</sup> &5<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHALICE CHILD SPONSORSHIP- MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
DINNER & DANCE- MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**SHARELIFE 3<sup>RD</sup> COLLECTION- JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE-UP DRIVE – JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
& 30<sup>TH</sup> .**

### THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual **March for Life in Ottawa** will take place on **Thursday May 9, 2024**. The St. Francis of Assisi Men's Group has organized a bus to take parishioners to Ottawa. **The cost of a ticket is \$60, payable upon registration or upon boarding the bus.**

**As an incentive for high school students to attend, the cost of tickets for the first 112 students to register will be covered by Right to Life Mississauga and Area.** This is a great opportunity for Catholic youth to support the pro-life movement.

**The bus will depart from the St. Francis of Assisi parking lot promptly at 6 am on May 9, and will return at approximately 11:30 pm that evening. Please bring additional money as the bus will stop for lunch and supper.**

**Registration is open until Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, by contacting the parish office at 905-822-8132. Registration after weekend masses will also be possible in the coming weeks.

Come with us to Ottawa to send a strong message about the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. We must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves!

**If you have any questions please contact Kurtis Chong at 647-378-3537 or email [kurtis.b.chong@gmail.com](mailto:kurtis.b.chong@gmail.com)**

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

The **Merciful Redeemer Charismatic Prayer group** is organizing a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** from **April 16 to May 28, every Tuesday evening at 7:30 – 9:30 PM.**

The **Life in the Spirit Seminar** is a life changing experience. It is awesome for simply 3 reasons:

1) A deeper and more intimate relationship with God.

2) To experience the presence of Jesus in your daily journey and the fullness of life that He promised.

3) To gain a new desire for prayer and greater appreciation for the Sacraments, ESPECIALLY the Holy Eucharist. Every Mass will become richer and more meaningful, and give you a new zest for life and a greater joy in the Holy Spirit AND a zeal to participate more fully in the parish community.

Everyone 18 and over are welcome. Please contact:

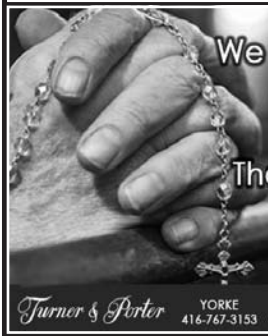
**Merciful Redeemer Catholic Church**  
**2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga**  
**Phone: (905) 812-0030**

### THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGY IN THE RCIA: THE JOURNEY AFTER EASTER INITIATION

Even though six adult initiations took place at the Easter Vigil, the journey of faith continues for the newly baptized and the newly confirmed in a period of post-baptismal catechesis called "**mystagogy**," a **Greek word which means "the deepening and unfolding of the mystery."** The parish community continues to support our newest members as they enter more deeply into the mystery of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church. The period of **mystagogy** is complete at Pentecost, which is also the conclusion of the Easter Season.

During the period of **mystagogy**, newly initiated members explore the meaning of the Easter readings to discover how God's Word illuminates their new life as Catholic Christians. They are also invited to reflect on their life-enriching experience of the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist). The newly baptized are encouraged to celebrate their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parishioners should foster ongoing relationships with our newest members and invite them to join the community in works of charity (apostolic service).

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