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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

Tel: 905-822-8132

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM -7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday during Mass Monday & Wednesday at 6:40 PM Rosarv Divine Mercy Friday at 3:00 PM

## **PARISH LIFE**

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# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

# My Sheep Hear My Voice

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life.." Amen.



# MONDAY, May 12 - 7PM

Loreto Posades

T Arturo & Arthur Santiago

S.I. Sophia Worrall

**TUESDAY, May 13 - 8:30AM** 

S.I. Fr. Damian

# WEDNESDAY, May 14 - 7PM

T Leon Aureus Jr.

T Maria Lombardi

S.I. Emmanuel & Brenda Efealukwu

## THURSDAY, May 15-8:30AM

S.I. For healing and reconciliation for those in troubled marriages and divided families

## FRIDAY, May 16 - 7:00PM

T Leila Alatraca

S.I. Mary Kahn

S.I. Toni Crasto

# SATURDAY, May 17 - 5:00PM

Leon Aureus Jr.

T Jack, Joan & Tom Quigg

T<sub>Iulian</sub> Sousa

SUNDAY, May 18 - 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass on the Victoria Day Weekend, Monday May 19th, will be at 10AM, preceded by the Rosary at 9:40AM. There will be NO 7PM Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed Victoria Day, Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and will re-open on Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00AM.



# A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,

You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves their children. We are grateful for

the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children. Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed everyday of their lives.



St. Francis of Assisi is hosting the Summer Camp. The camp will run from August 11 – 15, 2025. The daytime camp is

open to Grades 1-6 and the evening camp is open to Grades 7-12. Visit our website at **stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org** for upcoming details.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We invite all children in JK to Grade 3 to join us on Sundays

during the 10AM Mass for Children's Liturgy.



# BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Birthright Brampton's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is a fundraiser. Please take a few

moments to sign out a bottle today after mass and take it home so you can fill your bottle with coins, bills or cheques and return it on the weekend of June 14/15. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$30.00 or more. Credit card donations can be made through

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# **ORDINATION CLASS OF 2025**

Let us extend our prayers and congratulations to the men who will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 10, 2025 for serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

- Fr. Alvin Joys
- Fr. James Cyfko
- Fr. Jesus Fidel Anon



# 2025 CHURCH GARDENS DO YOU NEED MORE OUTDOOR TIME?

Fresh air and nature lift the spirits. Those benefits come with joining the garden committee at St. Francis of Assisi. You can choose a convenient time that is suitable for the required two hours a week. All are welcome! Please contact Dolores at 905-822-5297 for further details.



# **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Last week's answer:

When the Catholic church elects a new Pope, white smoke arises from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel.

Answer will be in Next Week's Bulletin: What is the criteria in who can participate in the Conclave to elect a new Pope?



# A DAY WITH MARY

A Day with Mary taking place May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with

our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This **free** outdoor family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities, something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

# **ACTSRETREAT**

The ACTS retreat is a three-day spiritual experience.

The Women's ACTS Retreat will be held from May 22 to May 25, and the Men's ACTS Retreat will follow a few weeks later, from June 19 to June 22. The Retreats will be held at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga.

The name **ACTS** refers not only to the *Acts of the Apostles*, but is also an acronym representing the four pillars of the retreat:

- A Adoration: Responding to God's call
- **C Community:** Building fellowship through love and support
- **T Theology:** Deepening faith through Scripture and Church teachings

**S – Service:** Serving God and His people

Many participants have described the **ACTS** retreat as a transformative experience—both spiritually and in terms of expanding their Catholic community. We hope you will consider taking part and experiencing its blessings for

To register and for more information, there will representatives available at the back of the church on the weekend of May  $17^{th}$  &  $18^{th}$ .

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