

# Sunday, February 15, 2026



*“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”*

*- Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 9, 2026

8:15 am: + Stanislawa & Joseph Dokurno

### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

8:15 am: Fr. Brian (Thanksgiving)

7:00 pm: + Maria Tran Thi Kieu & Maria Ngiyen Thi Man

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8:15 am: + Fr. Jim Roth

### Thursday, February 12, 2026

8:15 am: + Eugene Madden

### Friday, February 13, 2026

8:15 am: Nikola Brodar

7:00 pm: + Nancy Pevcevicius

+ Maria Tran Thi Kieu & Maria Nguyen Thi Man

+ All Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

8:15 am: + Stephen Smith

5:00 pm: + Jeanne d'Arc Newton

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:30 am: St. Patrick's Parishioners

10:00 am: + Joe Santos

12:00 pm: + Felix Remedios

7:00 pm: + Vincent Isaacs

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "**Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One**" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

## Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated in the parish on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm**. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. Please remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all those who are 14 years and older, the law of fasting binds those who are 18-59 years of age.

## Parish Office Hours

A reminder that the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16 and will re-open on Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 am. Happy Family Day!

## Confirmation Classes (Gr. 7)

A reminder that Confirmation classes will start on **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. If you haven't registered, please contact the office.



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### **Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commissio, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryn Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuvers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislawski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz, Pasqua Dimucho, Camila M. Binauhai, Oliver Pinto, Elizabeth Blizniouk, Cathy DeBono, Samantha & Andrew Paliwada, Charlotte Carvalho, Zerina Vaz, Amal Abdou, Terry Blanchette, Justina Colaco, Jose Martins, Celia Rodriguez, Thomas Nedumpara



### **2026 ACTS Spring Retreats**

Women's Retreat – April 16 – 19, 2026

Men's Retreat – May 21 - 24, 2026

Sponsoring Parish: St. Patrick's Church, Miss

#### **Retreat Location**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre - 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

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[www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org)

### **CWL Public Speaking Contest**

All are welcome to attend our parish CWL

**Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** Speeches will be presented from finalists of our parish elementary schools. The intermediate finalist from this event will advance to the PEEL REGION contest.

### **Easter Food Drive**

**Share the Joy of the Season! Feb 21-22.**

This Easter, as we celebrate renewal, hope, and new beginnings, we are called to share our blessings with those in need. We are proud to support **Food Banks Mississauga**, which helps meet the growing food needs of families and individuals across **Mississauga and Brampton**.

Right now, many local families are facing difficult choices between paying for housing, utilities, or groceries. **Food Banks Mississauga** provides essential support to thousands of our neighbors each month: children, seniors, newcomers, and working families who are struggling to make ends meet. You can make a real difference this Easter!

**We will start collecting on the weekend of Feb 21-22, 2026.**

- Canned vegetables, fruit, and proteins (tuna, beans, salmon)
- Rice and pasta
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Soup and stews
- Baby food and formula
- Hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, shampoo)

All donations will go directly to support families in Mississauga and Brampton through Food Banks Mississauga.

Let us fill hearts and tables this Easter season. Your generosity brings hope, dignity, and nourishment to our community. Thank you for your kindness and support.

### **Youth Ministry**

#### **Verso**

Join our Verso night on Saturday, February 21st after the 5:00 pm Mass in the upper hall. Come for an evening of fun, faith and worship!

#### **EDGE**

For students in Grades 6 & 7 aimed to bring the youth closer to Christ. Join us on **Friday, February 13 and February 27** in the parish hall.

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