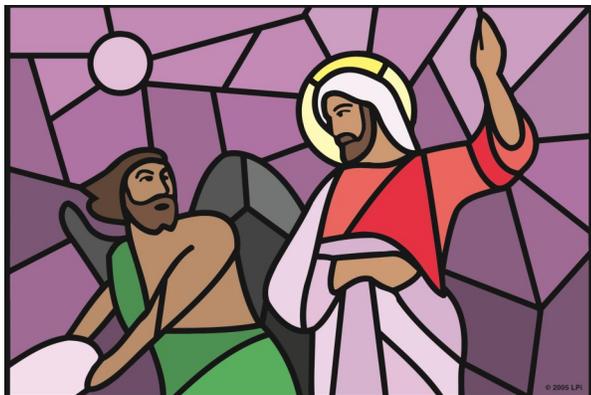


Sunday, February 22, 2026



The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:3-4

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23, 2026

8:15 am: + Mary Alice Facey

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

8:15 am: + Vincent Mui

7:00 pm: + Anne Misetich

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:15 am: + All Souls

Thursday, February 26, 2026

8:15 am: + Kathleen Smith

Friday, February 27, 2026

8:15 am: + All Souls

7:00 pm: + Halina Kozłowska

Blessings for the Jawor Family

LuAnne Scupham (70th Birthday)

+ Anita Wenceslao

Saturday, February 28, 2026

8:15 am: + Vincent Isaacs

5:00 pm: + Shirley Ephriam Gueco & Ephriam

Dela Cruz

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:30 am: Thanksgiving for Violet D'Souza

10:00 am: + Sandra Mergrath-Leczner

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

7:00 pm: + Colomba & Giovanni Landolfi

First Sunday of Lent

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "**Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil**" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Message 2026

As we begin this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal.

- *His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo*

Please remember that Good Friday is a day 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.

Confirmation Classes (Gr. 7)

A reminder that Confirmation classes will start on **Friday, February 20th** and **Saturday, February 21st, 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 Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizaro, 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 Boutillier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torre Franca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torre Franca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuervers, 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

Retreat Location

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

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Men's Contact: Willy Klaudusz (647-281-5990) or wldaudusz@gmail.com

For more info, please visit our website:

www.actscanada.org

Squires Give Back Weekend

As a thank you for parishioners, our very own Columbian Squires are hosting a Give Back weekend on **March 7-8, 2026** after all Masses—please come join us in the parish hall for hot chocolate! See you there!



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.

A Morning of Ignatian Meditation & Prayer

The Catholic Women's League - St Patrick's Council invites all ladies of the Parish to a morning of Ignatian meditation and prayer.

Date: Saturday March 7, 2026

Time: 9:15 am to 11:30 am

Location: St Patrick's Parish Hall

Facilitator: Questa Fernandes

No fee. Freewill offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Register by Monday, March 2, 2026

To register contact: Andrea Tjioe

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