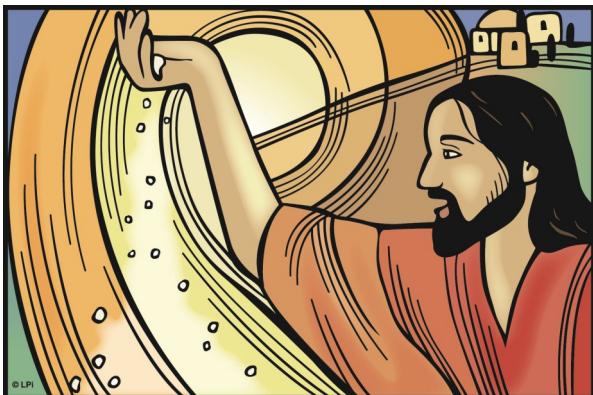


*Sunday, February 8, 2026*



*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."*

*- Mt 5:13a, 14*

## **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

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous. Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden"** (Matthew 5:14). A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

## **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.

## **Tax Receipts for 2025**

A reminder that tax receipts for 2025 will be issued and mailed mid-February. We thank you for your continuous support!

## **Marriage Sunday**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

Livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>



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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 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**

ACTS is an acronym for:

Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer  
 Community – love and caring for each other  
 Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith  
 Service – to God and His people

*"Come and renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it to your daily life."*

Women's Retreat – April 16 – 19, 2026

Men's Retreat – May 21 - 24, 2026

Sponsoring Parish: St. Patrick's Church, Mississauga

**Retreat Location**

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

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**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.

**Communion Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, February 15th after the 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses**.



**Cost: \$16.00 per person**

Tickets will be available after all masses this and next weekend!

**That Man is You!**

That Man Is You! addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husband and fathers. The weekly series continues every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the church Hall. All men are welcome.

**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.

**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.