

## Sunday, January 18, 2026



*John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 19, 2026

8:15 am: + Hyacinth Isaacs

### Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:15 am: + Halina & Tadeusz Kozlowska

7:00 pm: Anselm Soares (Birthday)

### Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:15 am: + Halina & Tadeusz Kozlowska

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

8:15 am: + Anne Marie Storey

### Friday, January 23, 2026

8:15 am: David Lovsin & Family (Blessing)

7:00 pm: + Ignatius Wadya

+ Jose & David Melo

+ Joseph Phong, Maria Binh and Ngoc Hoa

+ Mai Le and Anna Minh Pham

+ All Souls

### Saturday, January 24, 2026

8:15 am: + Maria Da Silva & Marthalean Simond-Chambers

5:00 pm: Thanksgiving Carbonelli Family

### Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 am: + Mike Lombardi

10:00 am: + Myriam Maria Chu Thi Nguyet

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

7:00 pm: + Giuseppe Lombardo



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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares:

**"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it. Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

## First Confession (Gr. 2)

A reminder that First Confession is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 at 7:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend with your child, please make sure you attend one of our regular scheduled confessions: Tuesdays from 6:00-6:45pm and Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

## 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 parish 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!

**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 Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen 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 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

**2026 ACTS Fall Retreats**

**ACTS** is an acronym for:

**A**doration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer  
**C**ommunity – love and caring for each other  
**T**heology – "studying" through scripture and our faith  
**S**ervice – 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

**St. Patrick's Contacts**

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For more info, please visit our website:

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

**CWL Youth Awards**

The CWL is hosting its annual Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest, as well as sponsoring other contests and awards for 2026. Details are provided below. Information can also be found on the bulletin board and on the shelf below it near the parish office.

*Students attending Catholic schools can access information about the CWL Youth Awards through their principal/vice principal, teachers or guidance counsellors.*

*Students attending public schools can find the information on the church bulletin board and on the shelf near the parish office.*

**All eligible students are welcome to participate!**

The awards include the following:

**Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest**

(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026;  
 Parish Contest: Sunday, February 22, 2026)

**Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest**

(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

**Jean McCann Service Award for Youth Ages 15 – 18**

(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

**University of Toronto – St. Michael's College Scholarship** (Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026)**Mini Reflection**

When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

**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.