



Mother Church of Brampton

# ST. MARY'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Feb 26, 2023**

## First Sunday of Lent

**Pastor**

Rev. Liborio Amaral

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Edgar Romero

**Deacons**

Franciscus Sukardi

Douglas Asselstine

**Acting Office Manager**

Dora Batres de Mejia

**Office Secretary**

Katty La Fuente

**Bookkeeper**

Jazmin Oliveira

Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday** 9:00am

**Fridays** 9:00am

**Holy Hour** 6:00pm

**Mass** 7:00pm

Adoration Chapel

**Monday to Friday** 9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays** 9:30am to 4:00pm

Sunday Eucharist

**Saturdays** 5:00pm

**Sundays** 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 12:30pm and

2:00pm - *Spanish Mass*

Reconciliation

**Fridays** 6:00pm - 6:45pm

**Saturdays** 4:00pm - 4:45pm

PRAYER FOR THE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD OF THE DESERT,  
FILL OUR HUNGRY HEARTS  
WITH FAITH IN YOU.

WHEN WE FEEL ALONE,  
HELP US SEE YOU THERE WITH US

GIVE US THE COURAGE  
TO CRY OUT TO YOU.

AMEN.

**Parish Schools**

St. Mary 905-451-1020

St. Francis Xavier 905-459-0646

St. Kevin 905-450-0571

Bishop F. Allen 905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S. 905-453-2232

**Office Hours:**

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Note:** Office is closed for lunch  
from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays**

9:30am to 4:00pm

# MASS Intentions

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

**Monday - Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Gregory of Narek*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Joseph Mifsud †*

**Tuesday - Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Mary Youssef †*

**Wednesday - Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Mark Seguin (SI)*
- *Agnes Kern (SI)*

**Thursday - Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Natalie Meier †*

**Friday - Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*St. Katharine Drexel*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Mary Maljevac †*

7:00 pm - Mass

- *Maria & Denis Pacheco †*

**Saturday - Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Casimir*

9:00 am - Mass

- *Michael Winter †*
- *Sam & Samantha Cini (SI)*

**Sunday - Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Ferial*



Let us Pray

**For the Sick in our Community**

- *Alice Howell*
- *Antonio Massullo*

**For the Recently Deceased**

- *Paulo Pereira Jr.*

## Parish Life



### The Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we will have The Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30 pm (after the 7:00 pm Mass)

### World Day of Prayer - Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League is hosting this year's "World Day Of Prayer" It will be held here at St. Mary's Church on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm.



This is an ecumenical service with several downtown churches participating. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide event of Christian women with many traditions who come together each year on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer. This year the "Women of Taiwan" are featured.

*All St. Mary's Parishioners are invited to this event*

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. The latest reports indicate that there are more than 80,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 40,000 people.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>
- By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques to - **St. Mary's Parish – Turkey & Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief**

*Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.*

### Calling all Young Adults!



St. Mary's Parish is running a young adults ministry for ages 19-39. They meet bi-weekly holding faith studies and socials which help to foster good friendships. If you're looking for a young adult community in which you can relate with people your age and to help you understand and live the faith, please email:

[stmarys.youngadults2020@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.youngadults2020@gmail.com)

### Religious Article Store Hours

*Please enter via the Parish Hall entrance.*

The Religious Articles Store is open after all Sunday Masses. In addition to gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Baptisms, you will find a great selection of items for birthdays, house warmings and other events. We also carry seasonal one-of-a-kind items from our Bazaar collection. Drop in and browse; our CWL volunteers will be happy to help you.

The store operates on a "CASH ONLY" basis.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Collection \$9,854.60 - *Thank You for your Offering!*

# Around our Church and our Community



## Webinar: Between Law and Narrative in the Talmud

Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm to 2:30pm ONLINE EVENT

RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

The Talmud (meaning “study” or “learning”) is a collection of commentaries on sacred scripture and regarded as sacred and normative in Judaism. Dr. Sarah Wolf, Assistant Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will examine the development of literary elements in the Talmud, its construction and importance among the Jewish communities around the world. You are encouraged to join this interesting webinar to learn how tradition plays an important role in the formation of the faith of Judaism.

For participation and further information, register at <https://bit.ly/3Y3Q0XX>

## Virtual Event: Ministry of Presence:

### A Portrait of Chaplains

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

12:00noon to 1:00pm

ONLINE EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Chaplains and spiritual caregivers spend a lot of energy giving to others. They are present to the pain, sorrow, joys, and questions of others and are challenged for their own spiritual growth and self-care. In this webinar, Dr. Amy Lawton (Postdoctoral Scholar of the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab at Brandeis University) and Dr. Alisha Tatem (ICJS Program Director for Religious Leaders) will present illuminating research that paints a portrait of chaplaincy today that will include perspectives from various Christian traditions and faith communities. We invite you to attend a special online event to discover what chaplains have in common, their challenges, and strategies for ministry.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3XZcV7g>.



## St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program: Topic: Lenten Retreat: A Spirituality for Catholic Teachers

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
9:30am to 3:30pm

IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL EVENT RUN BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto's St. Monica Institute and the Toronto Catholic Teachers' Guild, we are pleased to offer a Lenten retreat day that will draw us into the important work of education with presenter Deacon Doug McManaman, Chaplain of the Toronto chapter of the Catholic Teachers' Guild. A spirituality for Catholic teachers certainly speaks most directly to those who work within the more formal community of Catholic education, but the theme of this retreat will speak to all Catholics, for all of us live and participate in the world of Catholic education, and its critical importance touches us all. We extend a warm invitation to all for this day of reflection, with a particular welcome to all Catholic teachers, administrators, support staff, and to all who work in the homeschooling community.

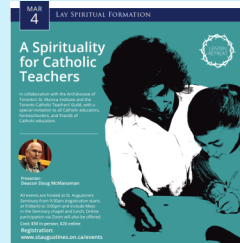
**COST:** In-person - \$50 / Online - \$20 (+ HST)

**CONTACT:** Chere MacLean/416-269-3445 /

[chere.maclea@utoronto.ca](mailto:chere.maclea@utoronto.ca)

**REGISTER:** <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/layformationlentenretreat2023>

**POSTER:** <https://bit.ly/SpiritualityForCatholicTeachersPoster>



## Father Ron Rolheiser Weekend Retreat

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 6:00pm to Sunday,  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 1:00pm

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

**Theme: Wrestling with God and with Love.**

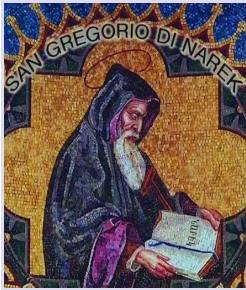
**COST:** \$450 per person or \$700 per couple  
(all inclusive)

**CONTACT:** Jean

**PHONE:** 905-278-5229

**EMAIL:** [office@goa.ca](mailto:office@goa.ca)

# Religious Education and Faith Formation



## St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

The Apostles Saint Jude Thaddeus and Saint Bartholomew are believed to have traveled to Armenia to share the Gospel. In 301 A.D., the Armenian king was converted who, in turn, made Christianity the kingdom's official religion, making Armenia the first nation to do so. In the centuries that followed, churches and monasteries were built, the faith was taught, liturgies were celebrated, and an extensive Christian culture emerged.

In the year 451 A.D., the Armenian Church separated from the Church of Rome over disagreements on doctrine from the Council of Chalcedon. Though the Armenian Church remained an apostolic Church, being founded by the Apostles, it became separated from the pope. Its Sacraments and life of prayer continued, but the division also continued. In recent decades, greater attempts at unification have been made, and the saint we honor today is the most recent attempt by the Roman Church to more fully unite with the Eastern Church of Armenia.

[Click Here to Read More](#)

## Challenge Your Kids to Embrace a “Carlo Acutis Lent”



Lent is often a time when both adults and children choose a Lenten sacrifice, choosing something to give up for 40 days.

The traditional sacrifice for children has always been **sweets** — seeing if they can last until Easter Sunday without partaking in any yummy treats.

While that can often be a difficult sacrifice for children, have you ever challenged them to **give up video games**?

[Read More Here](#)

## Marcam's Animal Adventure



Marcam goes on a WILD adventure today with a Norbertine priest to meet all of his pets! Kids will dance with Marcam while they learn about the Norbertine order, St. Damien of Molokai, animals like bunnies, snakes, geckos, and MORE!

[Children's Video](#)

## Should We Be Sad During Lent?



Given the fact that we're told to fast, pray hard, and give alms during Lent, there is a tendency to think Lent should be sad. But this isn't true.

Christ says:

“And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

*Matthew 6:16-18*

Lent is supposed to help you bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22). If our Lenten sacrifices are not bearing this fruit, something is wrong.

[Learn More](#)

# Office Schedule

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:** From 9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** From 9:30am to 8:00pm

**Mass Intentions by phone:** Please call 905-451-2300  
(during office hours)

**Meetings:** by Appointment Only

**Note:** During lunch the office will be closed from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

## Adoration Chapel

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9:30am to 8:00pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:30am to 4:00pm</b>
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## Weekday Mass Schedule

<b>Monday to Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>
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<b>Friday Evenings</b>	<b>6:00 to 7:00pm Holy Hour, 7:00pm Mass followed by The Stations of the Cross</b>
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## Sunday Mass Schedule

**5:00pm Mass (Saturday Vigil Mass)**

**8:00am Mass**

**9:30am Mass**

**11:00am Mass**

**12:30pm Mass**

**2:00pm Mass (*Spanish*)**

## Confession Times

<b>Fridays</b>	<b>6:00pm to 6:45pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>4:00pm to 4:45pm</b>
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## Church open for Prayer

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>8:00am to 8:00pm</b>
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<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>8:00am to 4:00pm</b>
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