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**Feb 18, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

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Rev. Edgar Romero

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Jazmin Oliveira



**The Spirit drove Jesus  
out into the desert, and  
he remained in the  
desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan. He  
was among wild beasts,  
and the angels  
ministered to him.**

-Mark 1:12-13

Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday 9:00am**

Fridays

**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**

**Parish Schools**

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Bishop F. Allen 905-457-4677

Cardinal Leger S.S. 905-453-2232

**Office Hours:**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

9:30am to 5:00pm

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

9:30am to 8:00pm

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

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Monday to Friday**

9:30am to 8:00pm

**Saturdays**

9:30am to 4:00pm



(At time of printing)

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday - Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

• Daniel D'Aloisio †

Tuesday – Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

• Henry Formosa †

Wednesday - Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

*St. Peter Damian*

9:00 am - Mass

• Nettie Dolski †

• Margaret (SI)

Thursday - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Chair of Apostle St. Peter - Feast*

9:00 am - Mass

• Elizabeth DeGeorgio †

Friday - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

*St. Polycarp*

9:00 am - Mass

• Carlos Rebelo †

7:00 pm - Mass

• Shirani Piris †

Saturday - Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

• Ronaldo & Josephine Cadiz †

Sunday - Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass

• Hector Perez †



Let us Pray

For the Sick in our Community

• Elvia Davila

For the Recently Deceased

## Parish Life

### Family Day Holiday

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and the Church will close soon after the 9:00am Mass.

*Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed family day.*



### Stations of the Cross

**Come and join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 7:00 pm Mass during Lent**



### A quick reminder of Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



### Men of God - Living our Catholic Faith

You are invited to a gathering as Men of God, on Saturday February 24th @ 10am at the Parish hall.

(Breakfast will be served)

Our guest Speaker will be Rev. Edwin Gonsalves - Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary. Come and learn more about how to live your Catholic Faith as Men of God.

Please complete the Registration form to confirm your attendance by using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tMfpMM0jQB>

Or use your cellphone or iPad/tablet to register using the QR code

**St. Joseph, pray for us!**



### Knights of Columbus Food Drive March 2/3



The Knights will be holding a food drive in support of Ste. Louise Outreach on March 2/3. **Items including non-perishable food items, baby formula and personal toiletry items can be left on the sanctuary in-front of the lectern.**



### Catholic Women's League



St. Mary's CWL is inviting ladies of the parish to the next General Meeting that will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm in the Fatima Hall**. Memberships can be renewed at this meeting. If you are not a member, consider joining us. New members are welcome!

**Thank you for your Donation!** Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Collection: \$12,063.30



**St Mary's Church, Brampton ON**  
**2023 Year End Report**

| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                             | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2022</b>         |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Offertory                                   | \$ 701,640          | \$ 654,923          |
| *Parking Lot & Maintenance Collections      | 77,688              | 101,799             |
| Easter & Christmas Collections              | 42,925              | 30,372              |
| *Other Parish Collections                   | 20,807              | 34,385              |
| *Other Donations                            | 2,893               | 7,319               |
| Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals              | 19,540              | 20,630              |
| Interest & Hall Revenue                     | 4,073               | 1,814               |
| *Sundry Receipts                            | 130,009             | 141,242             |
| Special Collections (see below)             | 122,745             | 108,909             |
|   | <b>\$ 1,122,320</b> | <b>\$ 1,101,393</b> |
| <b>Investments Redeemed</b>                 |                     |                     |
| *Investment Redeemed                        | \$ -                | \$ 157,715          |
| Family of Faith                             | -                   | -                   |
| Bank Loan                                   | -                   | -                   |
|   | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 157,715</b>   |
| <b>CEWS Wage Subsidy Rebate</b>             | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ 4,744</b>     |
| <b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>        | <b>\$ 1,122,320</b> | <b>\$ 1,263,853</b> |
| Opening Bank Balance                        | <b>\$ 186,067</b>   | <b>\$ 256,011</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$ 1,308,387</b> | <b>\$ 1,519,863</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                     |                     |
| Payroll Expenses                            | \$ 197,090          | \$ 196,036          |
| Church Operating Expenses                   | 182,114             | 172,429             |
| Rectory Expenses                            | 22,033              | 25,440              |
| Diocesan Assess/Clergy Pension & Health     | 148,739             | 134,482             |
| *Sundry Expenses                            | 95,941              | 104,387             |
| Special Collections (see below)             | 122,785             | 108,909             |
| Hall Expenses                               | 200                 | -                   |
| *Property Additions & Restorations          | 143,837             | 415,666             |
| Furnishing & Equipment                      | 2,635               | 111,185             |
| COVID-19 Expenses                           | -                   | -                   |
| Loan Payments and Interest                  | -                   | -                   |
|   | <b>\$ 915,373</b>   | <b>\$ 1,268,534</b> |
| <b>Other Expenditures &amp; Investments</b> |                     |                     |
| *Chancery & Family of Faith Investments     | \$ 234,808          | \$ 65,262           |
| <b>Total Expenditures for the Period</b>    | <b>\$ 1,150,181</b> | <b>\$ 1,333,796</b> |
| Bank Balance at end of Period               | <b>\$ 158,206</b>   | <b>\$ 186,067</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$ 1,308,387</b> | <b>\$ 1,519,863</b> |
| <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>                  |                     |                     |
| *ShareLife Donations                        | \$ 78,399           | \$ 70,782           |
| Canadian Missions                           | 2,496               | 2,912               |
| Evangelization of Nations                   | 4,368               | 2,775               |
| Humanitarian Relief Donations               | 1,740               | 10,314              |
| Marygrove Camp                              | 2,954               | 2,510               |
| Missions Co-Op                              | 10,717              | -                   |
| Healing & Reconciliation                    | 1,380               | 1,606               |
| Needs of the Canadian Church                | 3,315               | 2,958               |
| Holy Land                                   | 2,825               | 2,223               |
| Pope's Pastoral Works                       | 3,292               | 3,273               |
| Shepherd's Trust                            | 11,259              | 9,557               |
|   | <b>\$ 122,745</b>   | <b>\$ 108,909</b>   |

**Additional Notes:**

- \* **Parking Lot Fund Donations:** For year 2023 we collected \$59,719. We continue to receive Parking Lot collections as the cost of resurfacing has surpassed the donations received.
- \* **Other Parish Collections Include:** All Souls, First Communion, Confirmation & New Years/Solemnity of Mary
- \* **Other Donations:** Flower Donations, Certificate donations & Unspecified Donations.
- \* **Sundry Receipts Include:** Mass Stipends, Candle Revenue, Catholic Cemeteries, Administration & Blessing Offerings, Sacramental Preparation, DVD Media, Youth Activities, Books / Missals, CWL, HST Rebate, Anti-Hate Grant Receipts, Social Events & Social Outreach.
- \* **Sundry Expenses Include:** Parish Programs (Sacramental), Youth Activities, Faith Formation, Retreats & Seminars, Social Events, Flowers, Social Outreach, Legal Fees, DVD / CD / Media / Books & Candle Expenses.
- \* **Chancery Investments:** \$81,000 invested into the Parking Lot account / \$150,000 invested / \$3,808 interest reinvested
- \* **ShareLife Donations:** Total for year 2023 is **\$103,100**. From which **\$78,399** was received at the Parish and **\$24,701** was received at the Archdiocese.
- \* **Property Additions and Restorations:** New Boiler
- \* **Furnishing & Equipment:** Purchase of water fountain

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# Religious Education and Faith Formation



## Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle (Feb 22)

In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large alabaster window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, believed to have been used by Saint Peter. In the seventeenth century, that ancient chair was encased in bronze by the famous artist Bernini and then placed above the altar in the apse. Surrounding the chair are statues of four early Doctors of the Church. Two of them represent the Eastern Church: Saint John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Two of them represent the Western Church: Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. These great saints represent the universality of the Church, both East and West, as well as the unity of their theological teaching with the authority of the Bishop of Rome. Above the chair are two angels jointly holding the triple crown tiara used by the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing that he is the father of kings, governor of the world, and Vicar of Christ. In their other hands, each angel holds a key, symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rome in matters of faith and morals.

[Read More Here](#)

## What If Life Doesn't Get Easier?



Don't let anyone trick you into thinking life isn't hard. Experience tells us all that life is truly difficult at times. But even still... haven't you ever just wished it was easier?

Today, Fr. Mike proposes an alternative to just wishing things were easier. When life gets difficult, there is only one way forward (hint: it's not just grinning and bearing it).

[Click Here to Watch](#)

## Adventure Catechism



[Formed Kids](#)

## The Elements of the Catholic Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos.

### The Bow in the Creed



There are two types of bows in the Catholic Mass: a simple bow of the head and a profound bow or bow of the body. During the recitation of the Creed, the Church asks all the faithful to make a profound bow. It is meant to be a tremendous sign of the reverence we have for the mysteries we celebrate in Holy Mass.

[Watch Formed Here](#)

# Office Schedule

**Mondays, Wednesdays & 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

**Monday to Friday**

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

**Saturdays**

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

## Weekday Mass Schedule

**Monday to Saturday**

**9:00am Mass**

**Friday Evenings**

**6:00pm to 7:00pm Holy Hour followed by  
7:00pm Mass**

## 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

**Fridays**

**6:00pm to 6:45pm**

**Saturdays**

**4:00pm to 4:45pm**

## Church open for Prayer

**Monday to Friday**

**8:00am to 8:00pm**

**Saturdays**

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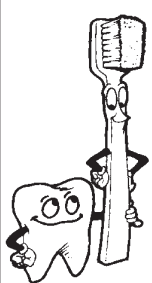
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