



Mother Church of Brampton  
**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 16, 2021



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### Save the Day:

**Kids Connect with Mother Mary**  
Every Saturday on May at 7:00pm

### Pastor:

*Rev. Liborio Amaral*

### Associate Pastor:

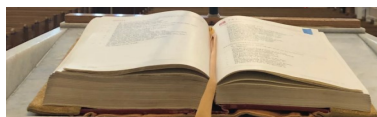
*Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE*

### Deacons:

*Franciscus Sukardi*  
*Douglas Asselstine*

## Welcome and Quick Update

*Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support*



**St. Mary's English and Spanish Bible Study**

See page #6 for more information

## Fr Liborio's Reflection .....

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

No doubt many of us have heard the expression "now you see it, and now you don't" referring to a magic trick. In this feast day of the Ascension of the Lord, it is easy to think that in the Ascension, what was seen (Jesus' Resurrected body present to the early disciples) is now gone. But the Ascension was and is not a magic trick - rather it is part of what we call the "**Paschal Mystery**".

The "Paschal Mystery" encompasses the four major events in the life of Jesus Christ – **his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension**. At every celebration of the Eucharist, this "Paschal Mystery" of the four major events of our Lord's life is made present. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides us with a clear definition of the Paschal Mystery when we read:

*Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, whereby "dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life" (1067; cf. 654). The paschal mystery is celebrated and made present in the liturgy of the Church, and its saving effects are communicated through the sacraments (1076), especially the Eucharist, which renews the paschal sacrifice of Christ as the sacrifice offered by the Church" (571, 1362–1372).*

In the Celebration of our Sunday Eucharist, at the time following the homily, we stand to proclaim our faith in the "Creed". In the Apostle's Creed we proclaim the words "he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, almighty." Each word in this proclamation of faith, has great meaning and significance. I encourage you this week to read and pray the meaning of these words that have been given to us by the Catechism of the Catholic Church – **I have included these words below for your prayerful reflection this week**. They are very powerful indeed.

Happy Ascension feast day,

*Fr. Liborio*

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## **From the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

### **PART ONE**

#### **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

### **SECTION TWO**

#### **THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

### **CHAPTER TWO**

#### **I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD**

### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"**

**659** "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."<sup>532</sup> Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.<sup>533</sup> But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.<sup>534</sup> Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.<sup>535</sup> Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.<sup>536</sup>

**660** The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."<sup>537</sup> This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

**661** This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.<sup>538</sup> "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."<sup>539</sup> Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.<sup>540</sup> Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.<sup>541</sup>

**662** "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."<sup>542</sup> The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."<sup>543</sup> There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him".<sup>544</sup> As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.<sup>545</sup>

**663** Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."<sup>546</sup>

**664** Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."<sup>547</sup> After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".<sup>548</sup>

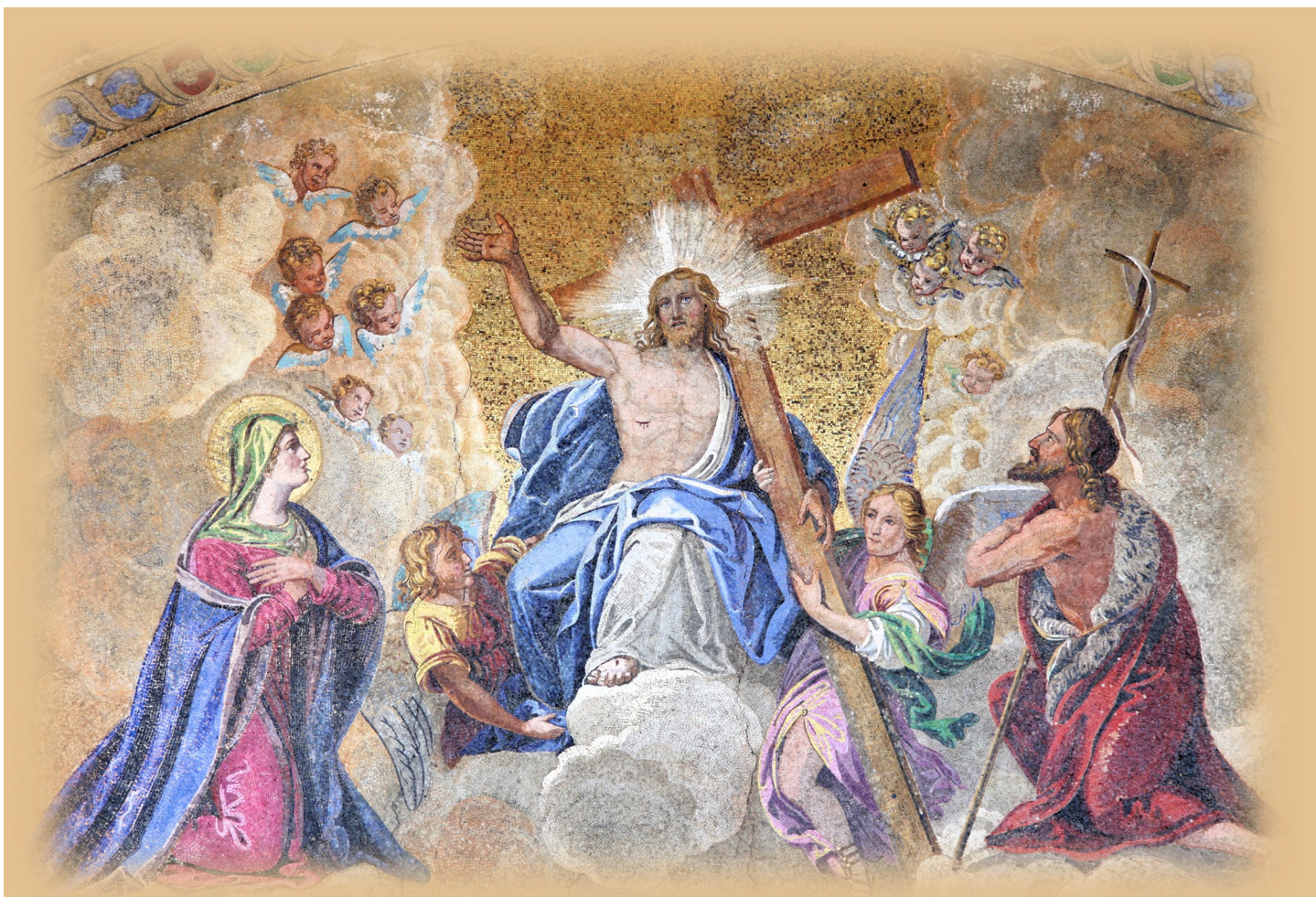
#### **IN BRIEF**

**665** Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

**666** Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

**667** Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.





*O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me.*

*Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.*

*Amen.*



# Faith Formation



## Why did Christ Ascend into Heaven?

By Matt Fradd

In this episode of Pints With Aquinas we'll see what St. Thomas has to say about Christ's ascension. Was it reasonable that Christ should ascend into Heaven? And how is it profitable?



[Podcast](#)

## Is Church Really that Important?

A new Gallup survey found that the proportion of Americans who consider themselves members of a church, synagogue, or mosque has dropped below 50% for the first time in American history. In 1999, around 70% of Americans attended a church, synagogue, or mosque--today it's just 47%. Bishop Barron and Brandon discuss these results, what they mean, and why it matters whether someone belongs to a church. They also respond to commenters on Reddit who reveal why they stopped going to church and will never go back.



[Podcast](#)

## Kids Pick of the Week



### Royal Trouble

Carlos and Sluggy compete for the coveted role in the school play, turning a simple school play into an unexpected and comical royal feud. This episode teaches true humility and doing your best to meet the needs of others.

The Rosary prayers in song

[Rosary](#)

[Rosario](#)

Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

1. Click on the link
2. Register using your email (Create New Account)
3. Enter St. Mary's Church, Brampton
4. Access Code: **8b36b3**

[MOVIE TIME](#)

[Español](#)

## Pick of the Week



### Saint Rita

Famous as the patron of hopeless situations, St. Rita of Cascia, a beautiful woman who lived in Italy in the fourteenth century, is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. Starring Vittoria Belvedere and Martin

Crewes, her story combines high drama, great love, deep betrayal, profound forgiveness, and strong faith. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. She finds peace and new hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, and with their help she develops a deep union with Christ that greatly inspires all near her.

[Español](#)

[Movie Time](#)

## Bible Verses



*"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God ."* - **Mark 16:19**

*"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. ."* - **1 Timothy 3:16**

*"And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. "* - **John 14:3**



## Vatican News: "Fundamental Human Rights"

### Pope's prayer intention for April: 'For fundamental human rights'

*"Defending fundamental human rights demands courage and determination."*

Pope Francis begins "The Pope Video" for April with this remark, and goes on to describe exactly what he means. He says he is referring to "actively combatting poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, and the denial of social and labor rights."

[Learn More](#)

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## FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



There are first-, second-, and third-class people, and those who are disposable.

**No. They must be equal for all.**

# Live Your Faith

## Learning from the Saints



### Saint Rita of Cascia *Wife, Mother, Widow, Religious*

Patron Saint of abuse victims, sterility, difficult marriages, and impossible causes

Rita's husband had been chosen for her by her parents, and they married when she was twelve. Throughout eighteen years of marriage, Rita endured her husband's insults, physical abuse, and infidelity until the loathful man was stabbed to death by one of his many enemies.

Rita was a model nun who lived to the fullest the spiritual requirements of her age. She was obedient, generously served the sick of the convent, and shared her wisdom of human nature, especially regarding marital distress, with the lay women who sought her out. Sister Rita was also devoted to prayer and meditated so deeply on the Passion of our Lord that she experienced a mini-stigmata. Instead of...

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### Saint Matthias the Apostle

*The Twelve were deeply biblical, so Judas had to be replaced*

The tradition that all bishops, beginning with the Apostles, must have successors is rooted not just in the early Church but in Judaism. The Twelve Apostles are more often referred to in the New Testament by their number than their names. They are, simply, "The Twelve." This custom is rooted in the twelve tribes who settled the land of Canaan after the Exodus from Egypt. These tribes were founded by the twelve sons of the Patriarch Jacob, later renamed Israel. It was inside of this Old Testament Jewish tradition that Jesus Christ acted when He chose twelve men upon whom to found His Church. Jesus specifically states that His followers will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Mt. 19:28, Lk. 22:30). And the Book of Revelation states that the names of the twelve tribes of Israel will be written on the gates of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev. 21:12 ff). It was...



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Prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven - St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## Prayer in Time of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

## 3 minute Prayer Retreat



Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

- Luke 24:50-51

*Risen Lord, grant me your support as I go forth, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to continue the work of your Kingdom.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

## Kids Connect with Mother Mary

Kids Connect with Mother Mary **Every Saturday in May** – 7 p.m.

**A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COUNCIL**

Calling all parents and children: please join our Kids Connect special program that honours Jesus' mother by connecting her with kids throughout the month of May. Featuring: **fun learning, praying, music, games and more!** Live event via the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

**EMAIL:** [childrenministryccrc@gmail.com](mailto:childrenministryccrc@gmail.com)

**FACEBOOK:** <http://bit.ly/CCRCTorontoFacebook>

**YOUTUBE:** <http://bit.ly/CCRCTorontoYouTube>

## India's COVID-19 Outbreak—Disaster Relief

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, etc.

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

**Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief**

# Live Your Faith

## The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz



### New Podcast

From Fr. Mike Schmitz, featuring  
Jeff Cavins: *The Bible In A Year*

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes (you can start any day of the year) Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ◆ two to three scripture readings ◆ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and ◆ guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.



Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure BibleTimeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

*"We have been given Sacred Scripture so that God and man may talk together; for we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying." - St. Ambrose of Milan*

[Register](#)

## SCATTERED SEEDS

### Pray for Vocations



### Pray for Vocations

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future.

#### Where is the Holy Spirit leading you?

If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Suggestions for Moving through Grief

Only you can gauge the movements of bereavement in your own life

- Be Patient
- Practice Self-Care
- Stay Connected
- Set Limits
- Feed Your Heart and Soul
- Lean Into Prayer

[Learn More](#)

### St. Mary's Bible Study - English

We are pleased to announce that our parish Bible Study will continue in May. Since the month of **May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**, we will begin a study of the four Marian Dogmas taken from church teachings. As we are still in lockdown, we will continue to use Microsoft Teams as our virtual meeting space for the English study.

- Divine Motherhood
- Perpetual Virginity
- Immaculate Conception
- The Assumption

The **English Bible Study** will continue on **May 20, and 27**. from 8:00pm to 9:00pm

The Microsoft Teams link for all four English meetings are: MS Teams - computer or mobile app: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Note:** If you don't have the MS Teams App - Click on "open in Browser."

*We look forward to seeing you at this next Bible Study!*

### Estudio de la Biblia en Español - Iglesia Santa María

Nos complace anunciar que nuestro estudio bíblico parroquial continuará en mayo. Dado que el mes de **mayo está dedicado a la Santísima Virgen María**, comenzaremos un estudio de los cuatro dogmas marianos tomados de las enseñanzas de la iglesia.

- Maternidad divina
- Virginitad perpetua
- Inmaculada Concepción
- La Asunción

El estudio bíblico en español se llevará a cabo los **sábados** y continuará el **22 y 29 de mayo de 8:00pm a las 9:00pm**

Si está interesado favor de **enviar un WhatsApp al Tel.**

**416-809-5864** - Martha Guzmán

*¡Esperamos verte en nuestro próximo Estudio Bíblico!*

## BAZAAR

Just a little note to let parishioners know that the CWL Virtual Bazaar is going to take a break for the next few months to build up new inventory and catch up on gardening in the great outdoors! If you have a request for something you'd like to see made available, or an idea you might have let Fran Caldwell know by email at [fern0@rogers.com](mailto:fern0@rogers.com) or call her at 905-867-7595. Thanks for all your support over the last number of months and have a safe, healthy and happy Spring/Summer!

## Encuentro Matrimonial

**"El amor También se Enferma, Protéjelo!"**

*Cuídalo, sánalo, aliméntalo por medio de un taller visual de formación para parejas*

**Cuándo:** Sábado 15 de Mayo, 2021 de 10:00am—12:00pm

**Totalmente Gratis!**

**Para más información** contactar a Beatriz y Mario Escobar 647-668-5067 [www.emmtorontohispano.ca](http://www.emmtorontohispano.ca)







### For the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

#### Monday - May 17<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Tuesday - May 18<sup>th</sup>

*St. John I, Pope*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Wednesday - May 19<sup>th</sup>

*Ferial*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Thursday - May 20<sup>th</sup>

*St. Bernardine of Siena*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Friday - May 21<sup>st</sup>

*St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Saturday - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

*St. Rita of Cascia*

9:00 am - Mass

#### Sunday - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Pentecost Sunday*

● Livestream at 9:30am Mass in Spanish

● Livestream at 11am Mass in English

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### "Tearful Smiles"

This year, I worked with BSI [a special education program?], and would pull students out of classrooms to work with me. Many of the children would raise their hands and ask to go with me. One day, toward the end of the year, their classroom teacher said, "What, no one wants to stay here with me?" Well, one little girl that I worked with said, "Don't worry Mrs. Smith, I like you better." Mrs. Smith said, "Oh no, don't say that in front of Mrs. Morrison!" Then the little girl said, "Well, not by that much!" I could not stop laughing!

-Angela Watson

## FAMILY CORNER

### SPIRITUAL SMOOTHIE: THE TRUE MINISTERS OF MARRIAGE

The graces of the Sacrament of Marriage continue until death.



Fr. Bartunek beautifully explains the importance of the words said in the Nuptial Blessing.

[Video Clip](#)

his video is a clip from Three Hearts – A Retreat Guide On The Sacrament of Marriage. Enrich your understanding of marriage with their free Retreat Guide. Find it [here!](#)

**FAMILY RITUAL IDEAS**  
that teach  
Important **LESSONS**



### The Power of Family Rituals

Rituals are powerful; they help us see what we otherwise might forget to look for. The same is true at home. Daily rituals and family traditions serve to show us and our children who we are and what matters to us. Here are some good opportunities to introduce rituals into your family life.

- **Bedtime**
- **Birthdays and Baptismal Days**
- **Every Day**
- **Meals**

[Learn More](#)

### A Mind at Peace Book Discussion (Part 4 of 5)

Are you increasingly frustrated and perplexed in this digital age? Do you yearn for a mind that is more focused and a soul able to put down that phone and simply rejoice in the present?

Dr. Christopher O. Blum, author of A Mind at Peace, and Taylor Kemp sit down to talk about reclaiming an ordered soul in the age of distraction. They will discuss the virtues needed to hold back the onslaught by technology for our attention by looking to the saints and the wise. We pray that these discussions will help us all attain a more peaceful soul attuned to the promptings of God to live a more integrated and full life.

[Learn More](#)

## A Parent's Prayer

Loving God,  
You are the giver of all we possess,  
the source of all of our blessings.  
We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of  
our children.

Help us to set boundaries  
for them, and yet  
encourage them to explore.

Give us the strength and  
courage to treat  
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you,  
the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you  
have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help  
them to grow  
in faith, hope, and love,  
so they may know  
peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in  
all things.

May their lips proclaim  
your word.

May their hearts be your  
dwelling place.

May their hands do works  
of charity.

May their feet walk in the way  
of Jesus Christ,  
your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

- Loyola Press

*Thank You for your  
Offering!*

**May 9, 2021 Regular Collection**  
\$3,816.30

**April Total Online-Donate Now**  
\$3,353.54

**April Total PAG**  
\$10,732.11

# St. Mary's Church Schedule

During Lockdown (As of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

## Office Schedule

**Closed until further notice.**

Please contact us by email or phone.

[stmarysbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stmarysbr@archtoronto.org)

905-451-2300

(Meetings by Appointment Only)

## Church is Open for Private Prayer

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am to 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:30 am to 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</b>

Note: Only 10 people allowed in the building at all times.

## Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

**All Masses are temporarily canceled.**

## Livestream Mass Schedule

**Daily at 9:00 am (English)**

**Sundays**

**9:30 am (Spanish) & 11:00 am (English)**

## Confession Times

<b>Fridays</b>	<b>6:00 pm to 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:45 am to 11:00 am</b>

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