



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



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May 6<sup>th</sup> English - May 8<sup>th</sup> Spanish

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**Associate Pastor:**

*Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE*

**Deacons:**

*Franciscus Sukardi  
 Douglas Asselstine*

**Welcome and Quick Update**

*Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support*

"WWJD"  
 What Would Jesus Do?  
 "To Vaccinate or not?"



**Fr. Liborio's Message**



**Fr Liborio's Reflection .....**

*Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

This weekend's Gospel Jesus identifies himself as the "true vine".

The image of a vine that produces grapes is one that is not foreign to many of us as would be the image of a Shepherd tending sheep. Many people more and more are planting vines in their backyards so that they can enjoy a good produce of grapes. Even I tried my hand on planting a vine and producing wine (i.e. check out my video from last year on our YouTube channel... hahaha).

Through our baptism in Christ Jesus, we are grafted into the "true vine". The sign that our grafting has taken hold is the fruit that it produces. If we are grafted fully into the Lord, then we can expect to "bear much fruit". But Jesus warns us that the opposite can also be true – if we do not fully drink from the spiritual nourishment of the vine we will become dead branches. Jesus warns us that "whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."

Do our words and actions show that we are abiding in the Lord – that we are healthily grafted to him and bearing "much fruit"? We should be honest with ourselves with this question.

Jesus concludes this weekend's Gospel by reminding us what happens to the healthy branch, which we all hope we have become, or are becoming in our daily journey towards the Lord. Jesus says "If you abide in in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Happy Easter!

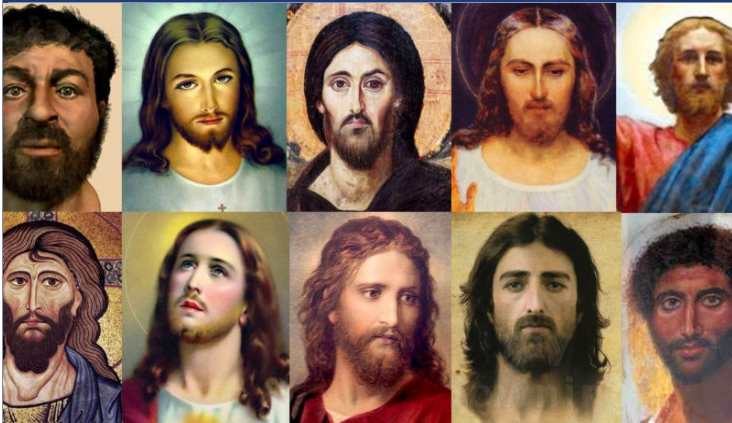
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# Faith Formation



## What Did Jesus Christ Actually Look Like?

Everyone thinks they know what Jesus looked like according to art and iconography. But how accurate are these representations? In this episode, the guys are joined by actor Jonathan Roumie who plays Jesus in the series "The Chosen" as they discuss what Jesus would have looked like according to scripture, sacred art, archaeology, and miraculous visions.

### In this episode you'll learn:

- ◆ What does the Bible say about Jesus' appearance?
- ◆ What early does Christian art teach us about how Jesus really looked?
- ◆ What extra-biblical sources from pagans teach us about Jesus' appearance
- ◆ Based on the Shroud of Turin, what did Jesus look like?
- ◆ And Much More!

[Learn More](#)

## Kids Pick of the Week



### Colossal Tales

A new student in town spells competitive trouble for Carlos and Sluggy and catapults our hero into a tangled web of deception and lies. The resulting inflation of egos leaves Carlos in a very, very uncomfortable position.

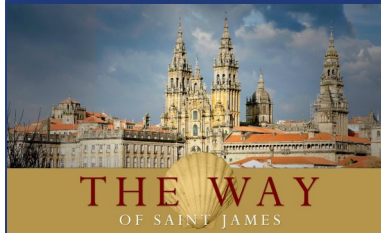
Register for FREE to watch Picks of the Week & More :

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



### THE WAY of St. James "Camino de Santiago"

Across breathtaking landscapes, we experience a journey that is at once concrete, mystical and metaphorical in a continued alternation between past and present, between the history and

legends that have fashioned the destiny of the Way of St. James. This ancient route that concludes at the shrine where St. James the Apostle is buried is the most famous Christian pilgrimage in the world. Now you can take this ancient journey through this beautifully produced film.

**Movie Time**

## Bible Verses



*"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me" - John 15:5*

*"My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples" - John 15:8*

*"There is no alternative: We either build the future together or there will not be future" - Pope Francis*

## Vatican: Jesus defends, knows and loves

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#### Jesus defends

Jesus, the true shepherd, defends us and saves us from so many difficult, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we experience especially in the Sacraments", said the Pope.

#### Jesus knows

Jesus also knows his sheep and the sheep know Him, said the Pope. To Jesus, he continued, "we are not a 'mass' or a 'multitude'" but "unique individuals". Each one of us, has been "created and redeemed by Christ"

#### Jesus loves

The Pope then went on to say that "above all" Jesus "loves his sheep". This is why He gives his life for them, explained the Pope: "Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, would lead him to die on the cross", and Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. "Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and to have life", he said.



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# Live Your Faith

## Learning from the Saints



### I THIRST

40 days with Mother Teresa

JOSEPH LANGFORD, M.C.

#### FORMED Now: "I Thirst"

Book Discussion - (Part 7/7)

Walk with Saint Mother Teresa with I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa accompanied by this seven-part book discussion between Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Daniel Moloney. They will dive into Mother Teresa's spirituality, her teaching on prayer, the life of faith, and much more.

[Learn More](#)

#### Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Patron Saint of hatmakers and pastry chefs (Philip) and pharmacists (James)

The smaller the town the bigger the man

Today's saints, Philip and James, were called by name by Christ Himself. And after being called, they took the step that many who are called never take. They followed! The Twelve walked at Christ's side on dusty trails during His years of public ministry. They ate and drank with Him by the fire. They slept under the cold desert sky with Him. And Jesus looked right into their eyes, and only their eyes, and spoke directly to their faces, and only their faces, when He said on a Thursday night that was deeply holy, "Do this in memory of me." And then they did that, and many other things besides, in memory of Him, for the rest of their lives.



[Learn More](#)

"...live in union with him. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith..." - Colossians 2:6-7

#### 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



#### A Personal Encounter

He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.

- Acts of the Apostles  
9:18-19

Jesus, Savior of the world, you call each of us to know you. Open my heart so that I may know your gift in my life and be filled with zeal for your mission.

[English](#)

[Español](#)

#### The Chosen Series - Think You Know Him? Look Again...

## The CHOSEN



Positive, changes lives, inspires hearts, and lifts the spirit.

You can get it here: [www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app) or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android app store. From the app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. Click here for [YouTube Season 2 Premiere](#)

#### The Third Idol of the 21st Century: TECHNOLOGICAL GADGETS



"Our Associate Pastor Fr. Patrick C. Ezimora CCE shares the third idol of the 21st Century: the Technological Gadgets (TGs). Of course you didn't imagine that your iPhone or smart TV could be an idol.

Read to find out how!

[Learn More](#)

# 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.

*The grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of our God endures forever" - Isaiah 40:8*

[Register](#)

## SCATTERED SEEDS

### The Resurrection of Christ



[Learn More](#)

### Part 3/3

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection and the theology behind it.

### Pray for Vacations



**Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action.**

If God is calling you 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)

### 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** is scheduled for Thursday evenings, beginning on **May 6th** and continue on **May 13, 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** a partir del **8 de mayo** y continuará el **15, 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

The St. Mary's Council of the C.W.L. is happy to be back with a new issue of our 'Virtual Bazaar'! You will find some lovely handmade knitted items for the young ones as well as some items to liven up our dining areas. We'll all be spending more time in our homes over the next while so let's spruce them up with some one-of-a-kind creations!

Know you are helping us help others with your support. If you see something you are interested in please contact Fran at [fern0@rogers.com](mailto:fern0@rogers.com) or call 905-867-7595 to learn more. Click [HERE](#) to see inventory.



**\$20.00** toddler boy's pullover,  
18 to 24 months



**\$10.00** baby's white  
cardigan, 12 months



**\$20.00** floral/purple Octagon  
topper, 18" edge to edge



**\$4.00** each, tea cozies for smaller teapots



## Mass Intentions

For the Week

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

**Monday - May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 am - Mass

**Tuesday - May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Wednesday - May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Thursday - May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

Catholic Education week mass for all our school communities

**Friday - May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

For those being ordained to the priesthood

**Saturday - May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

**Sunday - May 9<sup>th</sup>**

● Livestream at 9:30am Mass in Spanish

● Livestream at 11am Mass in English

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### "Tearful Smiles"

I have 10 girls and 5 boys in my 2nd grade class this year. All the girls are utterly and completely horse crazy! I found this note on the floor after school one day. Obviously someone was daydreaming and having a horse ranch owners fantasy... 9:00 – build barn, 10:00 – make a fence, 11:00 – catch horses, 12:00 – train horses, 1:00 – ride horses, 2:00 – brush horses. I had to show the other teachers. It was so well thought out, but maybe a bit ambitious! Did I mention we were doing a math unit on time?

-Angela Watson

## FAMILY CORNER

### A Mind at Peace Book Discussion (Part 2 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](#)



In the era of cancel culture and shunning of our neighbors, we should look back at how friendship should be integrated into our lives. It may be as simple as getting to know someone, or going further and visiting them regularly. What can we learn of the true principles of friendship? Who can we learn it from? Look no further than the life of famed author and Catholic, J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."

[Learn More](#)

### Children need quiet time, too!

"The importance of quiet time is something that our culture fails to respect," says author Polly Berrens. She sees an overemphasis on competition and social interaction that leads to children's lives being over-scheduled. "We teach our children to fear silence and solitude," says Berrens. We also distract them from becoming acquainted with the voice of God within them.

Berrens says, "The child whose private, quiet time is respected and protected benefits in many ways. She has a chance to develop her own individuality and sense of self, to follow her own creative passions, to learn that she is good company (if for herself, then also for others), to develop her imagination, and to discover deep inner resources for healing and inspiration. Such quiet time is also a very good preparation for prayer."

[Learn More](#)

Rosary Poster

[Craft](#)

Padre Pio Prayer Group  
St. Mary's Church



Learn and get some updates about Padre Pio Prayer Group by reading their March newsletter.

[Newsletter](#)



### New Beginnings Online Bereavement and Separated/Divorced Introductory Program

**Program Goals** • Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning • Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss • Developing skills for emotional management and practical care • Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality Program Access.

The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program.

We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds

#### Online Bereavement:

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith

Start date & time: **Wednesday May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

#### Online Separated/Divorced

The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith.

Start date & time: **Thursday May 13, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

**Total cost:** no charge

For more information and to register

**Contact:** : Arcangelo Limanni, MRE  
(416) 921-1163 ext. 2225  
[alimanni@cfstoronto.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstoronto.com)

Thank You for your Offering!

**April 25, 2021 Regular Collection**  
\$3,375.50

# 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

905-451-2300

(Meetings by Appointment Only)

## Church is Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday	9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Saturdays	9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

Fridays	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturdays	9:45 am to 11:00 am

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