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### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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### **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month By appointment only.

### Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance. An approved preparation course is mandatory.

### **Parish Schools**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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### 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 28th, 2018



Jan. 30th to Feb. 3rd

Tues. 8:30 am – Antonio Aimola ₽

Wed. 8:30 am – Frank Flanagan ♥ Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Thanksgiving Oliveira family

Fri. 8:30 am – John Graham Sat. 4:30 pm – Special Intention Allan & Levon Leong



Readings: Sunday, February 4th

 $1^{st}$  Reading: Job 7: 1 – 4, 6 - 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 19, 22 - 23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29 - 39

### TAX RECEIPTS:



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will be available by the end of February. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a

self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations received after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 will be credited towards next year's tax receipt.)

### **TAX RECEIPTS:**



The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February, 2018. Most gifts have been in the

form of pledges, payable over five years. receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts actually received in 2017. Please note that contributions sent by mail that were postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.

### FIRST FRIDAY: February <sup>2nd</sup>, 2018

Mass on First Friday is at 8:30 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY: David the King 6 Week Video Course



Start date: Tuesday, February 13th Registration: February 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

after all Masses

In a special way, Bishop Barron weaves together salvation history by linking King David back to Adam, the first king, and forward to Jesus Christ, the eternal King of kings. Learn more about David, the unlikely successor to Saul, and a "man after God's own heart "

### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: **February 2, 2018**



The Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. We are blessed to have more than 900 religious men and women from about 100 different congregations serving in the Archdiocese of

Toronto. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:



Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm **Location: Metropolitan United** Church-56 Queen St E

Come and join us for an ecumenical prayer service to pray for the unity of all Christians, led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other citywide Christian church leaders. Refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome!

For more information please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 934-3400 ext. 344.

# **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE - MASS** with Bishop Robert Kasun:

### February 11, 2018 - 3 pm Location: Blessed Trinity Parish

If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please join in this special celebration. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at: <a href="www.archtoronto.org/marriage">www.archtoronto.org/marriage</a> or by calling (416) 934-3400 ext. 523.

## REACH OUT TO YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT:

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada

Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

# MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm "Miracle at Moreaux"

Based on the book *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Hutchet Bishop, this is the story of three Jewish children fleeing from Nazi occupied France, who found refuge in a Catholic School run by Sister Gabrielle (Loretta Swit).

All are welcome.

### **CHALICE:**



On February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, please welcome Deacon Michael Hayes who will speak about CHALICE – a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one

of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. Check out the website at www.chalice.ca

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as

individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga) For more information and application go to <a href="https://www.wwme.org">www.wwme.org</a> or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at <a href="mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com">gerard.marge@rogers.com</a> or (905) 792-1925.

# Lent begins February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018: consider the following

WHY can some people find time to attend all of the social and business affairs and yet cannot find one hour of time to attend Mass?

WHY do we claim the Lord as our leader, and yet not come to His table on Sunday?

WHY are people habitually late to the most important and significant event in their lives – Communion with the Lord?

WHY are we so often very active in the community and yet not have time to volunteer in any capacity in the parish?

WHY do we spend \$50 or more for an evening of fun, yet feel no need to support our church?

WHY do 10% of parishioners give more than 50% of the money? Is it because so many have been giving a dollar or two, or maybe even five without seriously thinking about increasing their donation as they have prospered?

WHY can we discuss just about any subject to our friends, yet never mention religion, the bible or the church.

WHY??????

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