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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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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 7th, 2018



February 6th to 10th

Tues. 8:30 am –

Deceased members of the Wong Family †

Wed. 8:30 am – Hanna Wallace †

Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Jean-Luc Zufferey †

Fri. 8:30 am –

Sat. 4:30 pm – Albert & Ines Nurisso †

Readings: Sunday, February 11th



1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40 - 45

TAX RECEIPTS:



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 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 1st, 2018 will be credited towards next year's tax receipt.)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:



A number of sets of envelopes for 2018 remain unclaimed. They do so much more good in your hands than ours. Please pick them up as you leave the church this weekend and thank you for your continued generosity.

TAX RECEIPTS:



Family of Faith

The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for donations by the end of February, 2018. Most gifts have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Tax 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.

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: www.archtoronto.org/marriage 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 9th at 7 pm
"Miracle at Moreaux"



Based on the book *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Huchet 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.

PATRICIAN MEETING:

LEGION Saturday, February 10th
MARY 10:00 am to 12 noon
Topic: "Forgiveness"

The "Patricians" is a family affair, a conversation about what concerns us all. The purpose is to build up/increase the religious knowledge of our Catholic faith, to teach and enable us to confidently evangelize the Gospel of Our Lord and to encourage apostleship. Come and see, listen, learn, and participate during the discussion period.

All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Community Service Project

February 10th and 11th, 2018



We are deeply grateful for your participation in the collection of "refundable" beer, wine, and liquor bottles / cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy.

Please bring only *refundable* cans. We cannot use empty soup, or vegetable and other food cans and please bring them only on the designated *SECOND* weekend of the month.

We do not have storage space and they attract bugs and other uninvited guests. Thank you for your support.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN:



Friday, February 16 to Sunday,
February 18 – 7 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering.

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, "Ignatian Basics Boot Camp" for men. We will pray with the central wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises: our Creation by a loving God, our salvation in Christ, our vocation to serve God and our neighbour with Christ.

COST: Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

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"He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another."

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Do you tend to see a ray of light or a cloud of darkness? It is easy to be overwhelmed by the misery in the world if every day we watch the news with its constant diet of war, violence and tragedy. We can be crushed by the sheer amount of suffering.

In a society which highly values those who are young, healthy and rich, the acknowledgement of sickness and even death is not always welcomed. But the Bible has no qualms about facing these realities. It tells us outright that we are moral and gives us permission to lament our suffering just as Job did. Jesus confronts the misery of the world head-on. He makes the healing of sick people central to his ministry. By entering fully into the misery of the world through his cross and resurrection Jesus becomes for us a source of healing. Optimism is a feeling that things will get better, but Christian hope is rooted in a person who has triumphed over death.

In the light of that hope we can pray to God for healing in many ways. God works through the skill of doctors and nurses in our modern hospitals. But the Lord also works in our communities through his presence among us, especially through the sacraments of healing. In baptism we are washed clean, in confirmation we are strengthened in the Spirit and in the sacrament of the sick Christ continues his healing work among us through the laying on of hands. And today, as we come to Mass, we are fed with the bread of life in Holy Communion. But we are also healed by care in our homes through the loving concern of our fellow Christians.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:



February 11, 2018

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore the health of those afflicted with illness and disease.

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