

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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## PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK - EASTER



**March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 31**  
Tues. 8:30 am - Alice Luk ☩  
Wed. 8:30 am - Chan/Wong  
Family ☩

### Readings: Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-4  
Gospel: John 20.1-18++

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During the Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*  
(Presented by Youth Group)

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God". "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."

### THE WORD THIS WEEK:



What did Jesus cling to? Not to the fleeting glory of crowds shouting, "Hosanna!" Paul says Jesus didn't even cling to his divine position: he "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself," becoming human. Jesus emptied himself of his divinity to become one of us in order to die on the cross for us. He accepted the suffering and pain of human life. He lived in vulnerability, God's Suffering Servant, not hiding his face "from insult and spitting." He simply acknowledges his true identity, submitting to mockery, crucifixion and death. But this confirms who he really was: when the centurion saw how Jesus died he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

But he did not cling to suffering... he did not let it become the final word. Not even on the cross. He clung, instead, to his identity as God's beloved. He clung to his relationship with the Father. Even in his agony, he remembered who he was. His final heartbroken cry was nonetheless, a cry of faith, a prayer from Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He clung to what he knew best: he was God's beloved, he trusted in God and God did not let him down. Paul assures us, "God highly exalted him."

This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at every Eucharist. Jesus gave his body and blood over to death so that we can have life. As we share the bread and wine, we remember that sacrifice and celebrate its effect in our lives today.

We need to be reminded that evil, hatred, suffering and death don't have the final word. Jesus gives us this gift. He shows us that life is stronger than death; love is stronger than hatred; faith and hope are stronger than fear and suffering. He shows us that we too, are God's beloved.



### 2018 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Save the date!! **May 26 2018!!**

It's time for our community to get together and enjoy a delicious meal and dance the night away at St. Bonaventure's Parish Hall. More details to follow.





**Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community**

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**



**CHING MING CHINESE REMEMBRANCE MASS 2018**

The 2018 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For further details, please see the poster on our bulletin board.

**GOOD FRIDAY AT TEOPOLI "City of God"**

Friday March 30th at 10:00 am  
1458 Housey's Rapids Rd. (RR.#6) Gravenhurst  
Teopoli's Good Friday Service starting with the Stations of the Cross at 10 a.m. and the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m.  
Please remember that this is a day of PRAYER. All who come must participate in all the religious functions of the day. For information please call Società Unita at 416-243-7319 or contact [info@teopoli.com](mailto:info@teopoli.com).



We kindly ask all our members, as a courtesy to our counters, please note the amount of donation on your weekly envelope. This will ensure accuracy and will be most helpful to our amazing counters. Thank you for your co-operation.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:**

**Thursdays, April 5 to April 26**

**7 to 9 p.m. Saturday**

**April 7 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Our Lady of the Lake Church

129 Metro Rd. North, Keswick

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**CONTACT:** parish@immaculateconception.on.ca

**PHONE:** 905-476-0097 **COST:** \$100 per couple



**EASTER RETREAT with Fr. Jacques Philippe**

*Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Newman Centre

89 St. George St., Toronto

The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: We are blessed to have Fr. Jacques guide our community on the importance of living the Beatitudes. In this retreat, Fr. Jacques Philippe shows how true joy comes from spiritual poverty lived according to the Gospel. Father will give examples from the Scriptures to teach us what it means to be spiritually poor before God, ourselves, and our brothers and sisters.

**WOMEN OF THE WORD TORONTO**

**Ninth Annual Forum**

April 15, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

The Royalton Hospitality Inc.

8201 Weston Rd., Woodbridge


Women of the Word Toronto invites you to their 9th Annual Forum, "Daring to Reflect My True Image." This year's speakers include Leah Darrow (former reality TV contestant on "America's Next Top Model") and Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

**COST:** \$60 (includes breakfast and lunch)

**CONTACT:** Mary Filangi at 416-453-0402

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