

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
James Shaughnessy

## **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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## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



**April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am - Patricia Smith †  
Wed. 8:30 am - Celine D'Souza †  
Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – John Fung †  
Fri. 8:30 am – Kevin D'Mello †  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Hilary Coutinho †

**Readings: Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

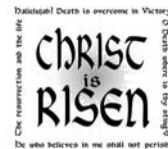


1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4.32-35

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make - with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!



### THE WORD THIS WEEK:

Reading today's Gospel, on this most holy day, one should marvel at Mary Magdalene's tenacity in seeking Jesus and her transformation when she sees his promise fulfilled.

The season of Easter gives us the opportunities to pause and reflect with joy on the gift of salvation. Like Mary Magdalene, we now no longer have need to weep. We have been given a gift of hope through the death and resurrection of Jesus, who freed us from the chains of sin. We have been liberated through the love of God, who invites us to find freedom, peace and wholeness of being.

At Easter we are reminded that Christ has risen, that the tomb stands empty, the stone rolled away. Jesus is the savior, and through him and the power of the Holy Spirit we have the opportunity to climb to heaven and greet the Father, full of splendor, beauty and glory. This season is our chance to prepare ourselves to meet with God and mature in Christ, making visible the holiness of the Trinity that lives within each of us.

Let us join together this Easter to be powerful witnesses of hope to our communities, to live Mary Magdalene's assertion: "I have seen the Lord." Her unwavering faith teaches us discipleship, that if we seek him with love and faith, we will find him. Mary's faith transforms her grief to joy when she is the first to meet Jesus, eventually becoming an apostle to the apostles. Let us remember that we are here to rejoice in the promise fulfilled and the transformative power of God who draws us close to him in love.

*Dear Parishioners:*

***"Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!"***

*Our Lord has conquered sin and death. The Good Shepherd is with us to guide us safely through this life to his Heavenly Kingdom.*

*Therefore, today we renew our baptismal promises. In doing so, we renew our commitment to Christ as our Lord and Savior, and promise again to serve him as a faithful member of his church.*

*As your pastor, I am very grateful for all the hard work and dedication of so many people who make our Holy Week Liturgies so beautiful: lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, altar society, choir members and musicians, the enhancement committee and those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers. The faith commitment of the people and families who make up Good Shepherd Parish bears witness to the reality of the resurrection. Truly, the Risen Lord is with us and dwells among us.*

*On behalf of Ornella, our Parish Administrator, our Deacons Michael Gennaro & James Shaughnessy, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter!*

*May God bless you, Father Anthony*



# Happy Easter!

**Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with

Training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**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.

The much awaited **Inner Healing Retreat** will be held at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto on Saturday April 14th and Sunday April 15th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.



Let us work together to evangelize the nation one person at a time.

The registration fee is \$50 per person, which includes lunch. Fr. Sam Samuel will be leading the retreat along with other anointed speakers. The Divine choir will touch your hearts with their anointed heavenly

music and praise and worship.



**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.

**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.

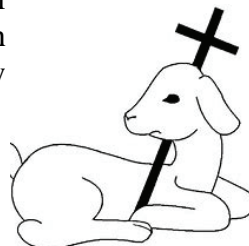
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Women of the Word Toronto invites you to their 9th Annual Forum, "Daring to Reflect My True Image." This year's speakers include Leah Darrow (former reality TV contestant on "America's Next Top Model") and Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

COST: \$60 (includes breakfast and lunch)

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