



# 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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY



**April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am – James Kalathil †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Angelo Iacobelli †  
Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – Lucy Chan †  
Fri. 8:30 am – Anthony Toscano †  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Sal & Rose Lasita  
50th Wedding Anniversary ♡

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism."

**Readings: Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 3.13-15,  
17-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 2.1-5

Gospel: Luke 24.35-48



***Eight days later, Jesus came.***

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Re-surrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection. With the Lord appearing to Thomas strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

**THE WORD THIS WEEK:**



Today's gospel presents a very dramatic story, describing astonishing events. The resurrected Jesus somehow passes through locked doors and appears before his disciples. Later, Thomas the Doubter is invited to put his fingers right into the mortal wounds in Jesus' body to see for himself that the figure standing before them is truly their friend and teacher, who had been killed before their eyes just a few days earlier. These extraordinary moments offer important teachings, not just to the disciples, but to us, too.

But the most powerful teaching moment is also the quietest.

Jesus' followers are hiding in terror, their hopes crushed, spirits defeated, afraid for their own lives. All seems lost. Then Jesus is somehow among them and says these simple words: "Peace be with you." Instantly their fear and dread are gone and in their place – joy.

Peace, inner peace, is the first gift the resurrected Jesus offers his disciples. Nourished by the peace of the Lord, this group of ordinary people will soon change the world.

And we, also ordinary women and men, also full of anxieties and disappointments, confused about the present and uncertain about the future, are offered the same gift. Right here, today, Jesus is saying to us, too, "Peace be with you." We need only to open our hearts to receive it.

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**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

## PATRICIAN MEETING:

**LEGION  
OF  
MARY**

The Legion of Mary invites you to a Patrician meeting next Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Patrician meeting is an adult education program to build up and increase knowledge of our Catholic faith, to spread the gospel message and to encourage apostleship. This month's topic: "Divine Mercy".



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

### Italian Cuisine Night Monday April 16



Ladies join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by an excellent Italian meal featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea and Coffee all for the bargain price of \$10.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. Please bring a small gift to be included in our Mother's Day Gift Baskets for Rosalie Hall.

### Mary, Mother of God School Lecture Series

On Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m., Mary, Mother of God School will welcome Monsignor Owen Keenan, formerly with the Secretariat of State, Vatican City, as the final speaker in the *Seeing More ...* lecture series. Please join us as Monsignor Keenan presents: *A Larger View: Working at the Holy See*

Free Admission – Donations Welcome

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### 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.



## FREE LOOKING AHEAD SEMINARS

Saturday April 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Catholic Cemeteries will share information about:

- The peace of mind that comes with planning ahead
- Burial options at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
- Catholic Teachings on cremation
- How to plan your funeral in advance at Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home
- The importance of memorializing a loved one

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

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211 Langstaff Road East

RSVP: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery  
905-889-7467 or [info@cc-fs.ca](mailto:info@cc-fs.ca)

## "LIFE AS A PILGRIMAGE"

Saturday June 9th – Tuesday June 12th 2018

Join a group leaving Blessed Trinity with Fr. Terry McKenna as Chaplain to Sacred Heart Shrine in Beauvoir, Quebec where you will participate in a "Gospel Walk". We will also visit the National Shrine of our Blessed Mother at Cap-de La-Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

Cost: \$399 (all taxes) includes round trip coach fare, double occupancy accommodations, 3 buffet breakfasts, 2 buffet dinners.

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