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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 School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 17th to April 21st

Tues. 8:30 am – Isabella Oliveira †

Wed. 8:30 am – Agnes Mueller †

Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – John Ambrozic †

Fri. 8:30 am – Kevin D’Mello †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Araujo & Mendez Families †

Readings:

Sunday April 22nd

1st Reading: Acts 4.7-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-2

Gospel: John 10.11-18



"See how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead."

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rose so the repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter is doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.



The celebration of Mass on weekdays is an established part of the liturgical life of our parishes. Even though nowadays, with declining numbers of priests, some form of daily liturgical celebration

based on selected scripture readings and prayers for each day is to be recommended.

It guarantees that our Churches are places enlivened by a heartbeat of liturgical prayer in union with the whole Church. Weekday Mass should never just be a "routine". When one examines the texts the Church has selected for weekdays, it is often easier to enter into a particular Season. There is a richness in the changing texts of weekdays which should never be underestimated. This is a "treasury" that the Church offers to us, and of which we in parishes and other communities should make full use.

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

In the Easter season we hear accounts of our risen Lord appearing to the disciples. Today's gospel is a well-told story of the two disciples walking to Emmaus, upset and confused, when Jesus appears among them. It is after Jesus blesses and breaks the bread that their eyes are opened and they recognize who is in their midst. Jesus gave them precisely what they needed for the next phase of their mission. He reassured and strengthened them by replacing their fear and uncertainty with peace and joy. He made the scriptures intelligible to them so that they'd be able to pass on His wisdom.



Perhaps we are burdened by sadness or confusion, unable to see God in our midst. Take a moment to pause in your busy life and stop to listen what is being said, you can often encounter a moment of grace. His death was the ultimate proof that His love for us knows no bounds. Just as he prepared the disciples for their mission, so he will prepare us for ours. As we gather over a meal with family and friends, may we begin by thanking God for the gifts in our lives and ask for the wisdom and understanding to see God present in each day.

Today, may we be attentive to Christ present among us. May we recognize Him in those we have gathered to pray with, in our presiding priest, in the proclaimed Word, and as we come to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. May the Gospel remind us to ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds, hearts and eyes so that we will recognize Christ in our midst and feel His Loving Presence in a deep way - and then fully respond.

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

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

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. 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.

"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.

Call Mary 416-497-7059, Marg 416-226-1449 or Toni 416-670-9546



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.



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.

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home
211 Langstaff Road East

RSVP: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
905-889-7467 or info@cc-fs.ca



MOVIE NIGHT:

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm
"Molokai"

True story of **Father Damien**, also **Saint Damien of Molokai**. He was known for helping people with leprosy in the colony of Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. During this time, many Native Hawaiians were dying from many of the diseases they caught from the white settlers. The King of Hawaii, made the people who had leprosy live in a colony away from other people. Father Damien went to help the sick people and gave them hope.

Earth Day Clean-Up at Christie Pits Park

Saturday, April 21, 2018

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Christie Pits Park, Toronto (meeting outside Christie Pits Station)

Faith Connections invites young adults (18-39) to join us for an Earth Day Clean-Up! Please RSVP to faithconnections@csj-to.ca by April 15 as it will help us with ordering clean-up materials. For more information, visit www.faithconnections.ca — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.



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