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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 22, 2018



April 24th to April 28th

Tues. 8:30 am – Betsy Abarquez †
 Wed. 8:30 am – Edmund Yam †
 Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – Frank Brennan †
 Fri. 8:30 am – Thanksgiving
 Chung Family †
 Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius Kwan †

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

He calls us by name.

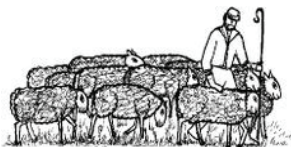
Today's reading, especially the gospel, contrast God's true love with worldly promises of love that fades. Jesus uses the analogy of the Good Shepherd and compares his authentic concern for the flock with that of the hired help who only care about their pay. They flee the scene at the first sign of danger, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. In the first reading, Peter states that "there is salvation in no one else." To put our faith in others will only lead to disappointment. The second reading, a very short and familiar reading, contains a vast amount of encouragement and comfort for us all. It also contains a great sense of awe at the mystery of God's love and care, and great faith in an unknown future. He promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. Do we hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, calling today? What does Jesus tell us of his vocation? "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Today, on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray for increased vocations world-wide. We all have a calling to share our faith in Jesus' message and that it will be embraced by all people searching for lasting and timeless love.



Readings:

Sunday April 29th

1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3.18-24
 Gospel: John 15.1-8



This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what He has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (His dying and rising): the first reading talks of His name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in Him we are all God's children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving His life. This He said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by His dying and rising He has truly saved his flock.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS April 22, 2018



World Day of Prayer is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes, especially for our diocese. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit the website at www.vocationstoronto.ca

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**Join us on Saturday
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1300 Leslie Street

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Cost \$45 per person, children 12 and under \$20

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, April 25th, 2018, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!



The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses on April 29th. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

Voices for Peace

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre
95 St. Joseph St., Toronto



Join us for a day of presentations and workshops by seasoned and dynamic peacemakers. Steeped in the spirituality of Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton, these committed individuals will encourage and motivate you with a peaceful call to action. Keynote speakers are author/activist Jim Forest and musician/broadcaster Shad. Presented by Church of the Redeemer, Citizens for Public Justice, Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice and the Henri Nouwen Society.

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Tickets available at Eventbrite.com

\$25 (adults) \$15 (students)

Light lunch included.

“Refreshed & Renewed”

Life in the Spirit Conference

Saturday April 28 - 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday April 29 2018 - 9 am to 4 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Academy

66 Dufferin Park Ave.

Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join us for a weekend of praise & worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a Spirit-filled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow yourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Free admission with lunch included.



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