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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 School

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 or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

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website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 29, 2018



May 1st – May 4th

Tues. 8:30 am – Anthony Lee †
Wed. 8:30 am – Vincent & Mary Lee †
Thurs. 12:00 (noon) –
Winston & Effie Ferguson †
Fri. 8:30 am – Lawrence Wong †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Francis Kwong †

Readings:

Sunday May 6th

1st Reading: Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48
2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-10
Gospel: John 15.9-17



Living the Gospel by helping Newcomers to Canada

Angie moved to Canada to marry a man she met online. He was not who he seemed; she endured emotional and physical abuse. While he was at work, she started attending language classes at Catholic Crosscultural Services. Staff at CCS connected her with a settlement worker in the women's program. Angie received the support she needed to exit her violent relationship and live independently, free from abuse. Angie is one of over 3,000 clients helped annually by CCS programs funded by ShareLife.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

“The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.”

THE WORD THIS WEEK:



Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another image to explain the mystery of His offering of Himself and our belonging to Him, our being part of Him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasizing the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

God calls us daily into an intimate union with Him. Today's readings remind us of this and that our souls thirst for God and His love. He is the only source of eternal life and apart from Him we will never be satisfied. In this Easter season we rejoice in the Lord's resurrection and we continue to reflect on His unfailing and everlasting love for us. Today, we are called to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus and surrender our lives to Him so we can be who we were created to be. As a branch needs to be attached to a vine, we need to be attached to Jesus to produce fruit. As we grow in faith and love for others, God will prune us so we can produce more fruit.

Love is at the heart of authentic Christian discipleship. Love is both the precondition for, and the fruit of, the mutual abiding relationship between God and us. Let's open our hearts to Jesus and receive his love, especially during Communion.

FIRST FRIDAY:

MAY 4th, 2018

Mass on First Friday, will be at 8:30 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be retired.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.



2018 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

**Join us on Saturday
May 26, 2018!!**

Tickets are on sale after all masses this weekend. 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

(Larger Venue)

1300 Leslie Street

Doors open at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

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

Cash Bar / DJ all evening / Door Prizes



**97th Annual Convention of the
Toronto Diocesan Council of the
Catholic Women's League**

Thursday, May 3, 2018 9:00 a.m. to

Friday, May 4, 2018 4:00 p.m.

Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel

901 Dixon Rd., Toronto

Toronto's CWL President, Ann D'Souza, welcomes all members from the 98 councils in the Archdiocese of Toronto to attend the 97th Annual Convention. The convention theme is "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call." Our focus this year will be on homelessness.

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Mary Lou Bonnici

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**The Awakening of a Giant
Movie**

Life of Saint Veronica Giuliani

York Cinema

115 York Blvd., Richmond Hill

Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 7 & 9 .m.

Saturday, May 12, 2018 @ 1, 6 & 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 @ 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

St. Veronica's body remains incorruptible. She was considered by Pope Leo XIII to be most full of grace after Our Lady. Our Lady herself referred to St. Veronica as "heart of my heart" and "my favourite daughter." Tickets bought on-site.

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"We pray for all those killed and injured in the violent attack in Toronto. May those who have suffered find peace and comfort in God's love."



**Statement from Cardinal Thomas
Collins**

April 23, 2018

"I invite the Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in offering our prayers for all those who were killed or injured in the violent incident earlier this week. Let us all unite in our efforts to bring comfort and care to those who are hurting today."

Cardinal Thomas Collins

Archbishop of Toronto



The new commandment of love is required of every one who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment?

Call 416-968-0997.

Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

St. Bonaventure's Parish

1300 Leslie St., Toronto

Featuring Dr. Leah Steinberg, leader of the In-hospital Care Program, Mount Sinai Hospital. She's been at the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care since 2006. She will focus on Advance Care Planning – a process of reflection and communication on your values and wishes to let others know what kind of health and personal care you would want in the future if you become incapable of consenting to or refusing treatment or other care. Admission Free. Donations welcome.

CONTACT: Maureen McDonnell Ministry with Maturing Adults **PHONE:** 416-447-5571, ext. 550

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