

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 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 6, 2018



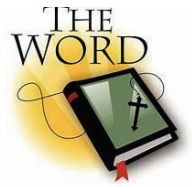
May 8th – May 11th

Tues. 8:30 am – Joanne Lasita †
Wed. 8:30 am – Thomas Bigneux †
Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – Kevin D’Mello †
Fri. 8:30 am – Kevin D’Mello †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius & Lucia Shen †

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

“God does not have favourites.”

There are two obvious themes to today’s readings: Saint Peter summarizes many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God’s love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus’s life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.



Readings:

Sunday May 13th

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23 /4.1-13

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20



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Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika’s delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she’s had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to fully be a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid ... The old question always returns: ‘How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?’ (1 Jn 3.17).”

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Jesus has no secrets with his disciples. He opens his heart to them, revealing the knowledge the Father has given him and His love for each of them. He demonstrates his profound love and that of his Father by laying down His life for us, suffering and dying on the cross for our salvation. His love has no limits, embracing everyone and giving everything. Jesus invites us to enter into His love and to express this love in our daily lives. This challenging love consists in making sacrifices and reaching out to others freely. It involves loving to the end, with Jesus’ same compassion and selflessness. Only if we love one another as He has loved us can we be his true friends.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT:



The Parish financial report is available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes a copy. As you review it, please consider the costs associated with operating the parish. Your offertory gifts help make the work of the parish possible as well as assisting in the maintenance of our buildings and property. As Christ blesses us each year with an increase in gifts, please consider recognising the needs of the parish with a sacrificial increase in your offertory this year.



2018 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Join us on Saturday

May 26, 2018!!



Tickets are going fast. Get your tickets 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

Catholic Education Week 2018

Renewing the Promise

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. The

Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

The CEW biblical quote is *"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."* Acts 2:39



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 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 of the Ministry with Maturing Adults 416-447-5571, ext. 550

Pentecost Retreat at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto

Saturday, May 12, 2018 9:00 am to Sunday, May 13, 2018 6:00 pm

69 William St., Toronto

DRCT is conducting a Pentecost Retreat, led by Fr. Sam Samuel, VC, Director of DRCT Toronto and the Divine team. There will be enriching biblical talks, uplifting praise music, testimonies, Holy Mass and Adoration. Confessions will be available. Registration charges are \$50 per person. Lunch will be provided.

PHONE: 647-949-4932 or 647-660-1314

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Blue Mass 2018

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Blessed Trinity Parish

3220 Bayview Ave., North York

You are asked to join Archbishop Lawrence Saldanha, Pastor Fr. Edward Murphy and other priests celebrating this Blue Mass. This is calling our faithful to pray for the military, law enforcement, firefighter and emergency personnel, recognizing their faithful commitments and self-sacrifices while serving our citizen communities.

We are expecting fire engines, police cruisers, police dogs, etc. This is particularly a good opportunity to show our younger generation the respect due to our uniformed. Congregations from other parishes and schools are welcome. Light refreshments and socializing after. Please email us your group attendance so we can be prepared.

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