

# 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

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 20, 2018

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am - Lucille Wong †

Wed. 8:30 am - Eileen Armstong †

Thurs. Noon - Simon Cheung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Maria Yu Yut Ying †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Simon Leung

(Special Intention)



### Readings:

**Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

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**Next Sunday, May 27, is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

### Third Annual CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



“Processions teach the heart to follow unswervingly.” This is our witness to Christ Jesus our King.

**Sunday, June 3, 2016**

Please bring your family and friends and join your fellow parishioners, on the Church grounds, for a small procession immediately after the 11:00 am Mass to celebrate The Feast of Corpus Christi. This tradition is ardently followed around the world, as well as in many Canadian parishes, and we are pleased to celebrate it in the Good Shepherd Parish. Coffee and light refreshments will be served following the procession.

### THE WORD THIS WEEK:

“And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place.

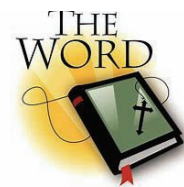
And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak.”

The spirit of unity celebrated in today’s readings is at the same time, however, the Spirit of diversity. The Pentecost flames hover separately over each individual present. The onlookers outside do not suddenly all speak the same language; rather, each hears the message in his or her own tongue. The “variety of gifts” of which Paul speaks are all part of the “same Spirit” but retain their individual character.

Today we are challenged to value and celebrate diversity, especially when we are tempted to ignore or to fear those who are “different”.

The gift of peace that Jesus entrusted to his first disciples becomes a promise and a prayer shared with the entire Christian community. The movement of the Spirit in people results in gifts and talents. This movement does not reach its end in individuals. Rather, it is supposed to have a ripple effect so that our unique abilities promote the common good. The Spirit’s gifts are many: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Spirit will increase our gifts to the extent that we love Jesus and our brothers and sisters, obey the commandments and freely share with others what we have abundantly received.

This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus’ ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the ‘seal’ of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.



## 2018 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Join us on

**Saturday May 26, 2018!!**

Last chance to get 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

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**May**  
**Month of Mary**



*"God wills that all his gifts  
should come to us through Mary"*

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy." In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

"In the days that followed the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the ascension, they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times ..."

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:



welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. New members are always

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Financial Statement for 2017 will be presented for approval. Also this month, we are featuring a "Laugh and Learn" presentation by Karen Shinn, a certified move manager with the Downsizing Diva who has been helping seniors downsize, organize and move for many years. All the ladies of the parish are encouraged to come and bring a friend.



### RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN JUNE 1 TO 3, 2018



You are cordially invited to spend a weekend of peace, joy and great spiritual intimacy with our triune God at The Holy Ground – Manresa with the retreat theme: "Praying with St. Jean De Brebeuf: A Model of Christian Virtue for the Catholic in Canada."

Retreat Time: Friday, June 1, 8:30 p.m. to Sunday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.

For more information and reservation please contact: Tony Salvosa at 416-494-0560 or email at [aaasalv@yahoo.ca](mailto:aaasalv@yahoo.ca)



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