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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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 24, 2018



June 26th to June 30th

Tues. 8:30 am – Saroj Malik †
Wed. 8:30 am – John Hui-Shan Ho †
Thurs. Noon – Peter Cullen †
Fri. 8:30 am - Kevin D’Mello †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Anthony Toscano †

READINGS FOR – July 1st

1st Reading: Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.7,9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5.21-43

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The Ladies of the CWL would like to express their sincere appreciation to those parishioners who supported both the “Diaper & Baby Food Drive” for Rosalie Hall and the collection of \$5 Tim Horton’s Gift Cards for the homeless. Your generous contributions have significantly impacted the most vulnerable in our communities.



THE WORD THIS WEEK:

"Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him!"



There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus “rebukes the wind”. This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man) and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe - as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realized before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

Today’s Gospel is about faith, in Jesus, and how our human fears, like those of the apostles, weaken our faith. The apostles are in a boat with Jesus when a violent squall comes and waves break over the boat. Fearing for their lives, they awaken Jesus, asleep in the stern, and ask: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” After calming the wind and the waves, he asks in return, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

Like the apostles, how often do we fail to recognize Jesus’ presence when our lives are impeded by adversity? It is only our belief in Jesus that enables us to weather the storms that wreak havoc in our lives. At such times, we have a choice: to seek Jesus through prayer or to lose hope. How strong is our faith? How strong is our hope in prayer? How focused are our eyes on the person of Jesus?

Fear challenges us; faith sustains us. Faith is nourished through developing a relationship with Jesus: faith is the source of hope. Without faith, we, like the apostles, find ourselves threatened by the stormy waters that surround our lives. Let us ask Jesus today for the strength and courage to give witness to our faith by our actions, our words and our choices, by the way we live our lives.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, June 27th, 2018, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our Parish Social Outreach Ministry is focused on assisting as best as we are able, parishioners and neighbor's in our community facing near term difficult situations. This will be done in a confidential setting. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this, please contact our parish office at (905) 881-1534.



FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Bishop Robert Barron's new course – "The Mass" This 6 weeks course begins on Tuesday Sept. 11th. Registration on Sept. 8th & 9th. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. "The Mass" will help us understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian Life.

The Dia Desso Family

Good Shepherd Parish sponsored the Dia Desso family in 2016. It was a grace-filled time for all of us as everyone came together and was so generous. The family is doing very well. Cecile gave birth to a baby boy on September 14. Sidney is nine months old now. It seems that he has five mothers who all adore him.

Edgar is very happy and working really hard. He received his licence to drive a fork lift and is proud of himself and the company for which he works.

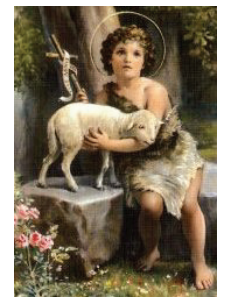
Dolores, the eldest will graduate this month from St. Joseph Morrow Park and is enrolled at Seneca come September. Jennifer and Ariane are both doing well and appreciate being students at St. Joseph's. Wendy is just finishing grade seven at Paschal Baylon.

The Dia Desso's are parishioners at St. Paschal Baylon church as they live right across the street from it. Their faith is very important to them.

We are most grateful to God for the many blessings that He has given to us and to the Dia Desso's over these past two years.

Nativity of John the Baptist

On the Nativity of John the Baptist, the church invites us to share the gladness that blessed the lives of Elizabeth and Zechariah in the birth of their son.



This child came to realize that he was "wonderfully made," in the words of today's responsorial psalm (Psalms 139:14). He was wonderfully made for a most wonderful mission to God's people. Filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb, John was to bring the chosen people back to their God, so that God could come close to them in the person of the beloved Son.

The prophet Malachi had foretold John's mission: to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents before the coming of the great day of the Lord. John was to be a powerful minister of reconciliation through the words of his preaching and the water of his baptism, turning the hearts of rebellious humanity to the saving wisdom of God. By his urgent summons to repentance, John would "prepare a people fit for the Lord" (Luke 1:17), ready to receive God's forgiveness in their Savior, Jesus Christ.

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

Pilgrimage of Love 2018

Sat. Aug 11 - 8:15 am to Sun. Aug 19, 10:00 am

All Saints Roman Catholic Church

1415 Royal York Rd., Toronto

The 21st annual "Pilgrimage of Love," organized by the United Society to support the activities held at Teopoli for our youth, will take place from August 11-19, starting from All Saints Church in Etobicoke and terminating at the Holy Cross of Teopoli, near Gravenhurst. All are invited to participate for the whole pilgrimage or for part of it. If you're unable to walk, please support this initiative in other ways by donating your talents, food, being a driver or helping us financially. For further information, please call our office at 416-243-7319. Visit our website at www.teopoli.com.

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