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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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 1, 2018

July 3rd – July 7th

Tues. 8:30 am – James Young Bin Park †

Wed. 8:30 am – Harry Kightly †

Thurs. Noon – Aloysius Coutinho †

Fri. 8:30 am – Wong Family †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Isabella Garcia †



READINGS FOR – July 8th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2.3-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Gospel: Mark 6.1-6



July 1st is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

We also urge you to take advantage of the many Canada Day Activities and Events to discover and appreciate the wealth and diversity of Canadian society and show your love of Canada and your pride in being Canadian!!

VACATION TIME:

If you hold a position of importance at our Sunday Masses we thank you for your service. We would like to remind you that our Masses will continue as scheduled throughout the summer months. By finding a substitute to take your place, you will be helping to ensure that our Sunday Liturgical Celebrations will remain as meaningful as possible for those who attend.



THE WORD THIS WEEK:

"Little girl, I tell you to get up!"

Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing miracles of the Lord; the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughter's death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus. All these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. What it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God and the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: "Death was not God's doing. God created us to live forever and the raising of Jairus' daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth."

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "Do not fear, only believe" – another paradox. He is challenging us to walk by faith, not by sight, even when we do not understand. Jesus is calling us to believe him when we are searching for and trying to find answers to our questions. Like "doubting Thomas", we too have our moments. Our faith develops and grows as we gain insight from the words and example of Jesus. We begin to understand what is behind and beyond the words He proclaims. We realize there is much more than meets the eye in what Jesus is saying.

Today's Gospel clearly shows us who Jesus truly is. He is the Son of God. He could sense the "power had gone forth from Him" when the hemorrhaging woman touched His garment. Yet, He was fully human – again, a paradox. Jesus is inviting and challenging us to walk in faith. May we begin to live not according to our limited view but by God's limitless possibilities.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

This will be the final bulletin until Labour Day. For your convenience, daily Mass intentions will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions concerning upcoming events or pulpit announcements, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



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.

MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

Our parish is starting a new Ministry with Maturing Adults this fall to support the lifelong faith development and spiritual growth of men and women in the second half of life (50+). This ministry will include topics such as: Growth in Wisdom; the Creative Years; Challenge of Forgiveness; Dealing with Loss. Each of the sessions will be held from **9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning on Friday, September 21, 2018.**

Successive dates and further information will be provided in September. There is no cost for this program. Facilitator: Viola Athaide

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HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER

FIRST FRIDAY: July 6, 2018

Mass 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.



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



This year's **Annual Mass** will be held on **Wednesday August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the following Catholic Cemeteries: Assumption, Christ the King, Holy Cross, Mount Hope, Queen of Heaven, Resurrection and St. Mary's in Barrie. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will be celebrating Mass this year at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further information regarding the celebrants at each Diocesan Cemetery location please call 416-733-8544 or visit their website at www.catholic-cemeteries.com

God Takes The Summer Off

"We are sorry to inform you that God will not be available during the summer beginning July 1st. He feels He deserves some time off, so He has canceled His normal duties for the summer.

He has agreed to send the sun and rain occasionally when He happens to be in town, but so far as answering prayers for the needs of your family, please don't count on Him.

God has let church leaders know that they should not plan any outreach efforts or mission trips during the summer—or at least if they do, they will have to do it without Him because He plans to be gone a lot to see relatives, baseball games and the lake. God has expressed the opinion that we should find someone else to take His place.

Then we reminded Him of His promise, "Surely I will be with you always," but He said He didn't realize when He said it that it meant going two or three years without a break. He expressed His sincere regret and hopes that it will not cause anyone any inconvenience. God may be contacted anytime after September 1st at which time He hopes to get back into the routine. "Please defer all requests until then," He requested.

Aren't you glad God doesn't take the summer off? As we approach summer, make it your determination to bring yourself and your family to God's House on Sunday. He'll be waiting for us to worship Him."



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