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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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 28, 2018



Oct 30th – Nov 3rd

Tues. 8:30 am – Ruth Karisch †
Wed. 8:30 am – Szeto/Chung Family †
Thurs. Noon - All Saints
Fri. 8:30 am - All Souls
Sat. 4:30 pm - Paulo & Helio Correia †

READINGS FOR – November 4th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28
Gospel: Mark 12.28-34



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Master, let me see again."

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message, almost a parable, behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there. In our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer, there are still tears to be washed away. Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

The miraculous key that Jesus identified is faith. Do we have the courage to fling off the cloak? It is that simple – faith can help us find the way when we are blinded by confusion over what is important. But we must let go and let God be God. Only then will God work marvellous things in us.

NOVEMBER 1st FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



The feast of All Saints is a feast of God's triumph. It is a celebration of the victory of Jesus over death, and a promise that we will one day enjoy the vision of God's glory in the kingdom of heaven where hope is firm for all who love and rest is sure for all who serve.

May the God of all consolation bless us with faith in the resurrection of His Son and with the hope of rising to new life. To us who are alive may He grant forgiveness and to all who have died, may He grant a place of light and peace.

ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2nd

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Visit a Church:

A **plenary** (absolute indulgence), applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, on All Souls Day, visit a church and recite one Our Father, and the creed for the intention of the Poor Souls.



Visit a Cemetery:

An indulgence, applicable to the Souls in Purgatory is granted to the faithful, who devotedly visit a cemetery, and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is **plenary** each day from the 1st to the 8th of November and partial on all other days of the year.

"I encourage Catholics to pray fervently for the dead, for their family members and for all our brothers and sisters who have died, that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their sins and may hear the Lord's call: 'Come, O my dear soul, to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness, which has prepared eternal delights for you.'"

Pope John Paul II

FIRST FRIDAY November 2nd

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.





VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Wed., November 7th
6:30 to 8 pm

Our parish runs on volunteer power and each and every individual is important to the overall success of our community. Father Anthony would like to invite all those who volunteer to drop in, here at the church, on **Wednesday, November 7th** between the hours of 6:30 and 8:00 pm for a small reception including sandwiches, hot hors d'oeuvres, vegetables & dip, dessert, wine, coffee, tea etc. PLUS a Raffle. We ask that you contact your committee leader to confirm your attendance, and once again, thank you for all you do to assist us.

Catholic Cemeteries' Annual All Souls' Day Mass Saturday, November 3, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in prayer for the Souls of the Deceased. All masses will be held indoors.

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham, English Liturgy
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby, English Liturgy
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill and Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge, both locations will have the Liturgy in English and Italian

CONTACT: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services
PHONE: 416-733-8544

2018 BISHOPS ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS

Last Saturday, October 20th, **Domenick Mann and Arden Rego**, Altar Servers of our Parish, received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Pastoral Region.



We extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to **Domenic and Arden**. The parish is truly grateful to all of its Altar Servers for their participation at the celebration of the Eucharist and ceremonies through the Church year. New members (grade 5 and up) are welcome to join. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

"I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

St. John Paul II

MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for:

"The Agony and the Ecstasy"
Friday, Nov. 2nd at 7 PM



Charlton Heston and Rex Harrison portray two of the Renaissance's most colourful figures in this historical drama based on Irving Stone's best-seller. When Pope Julius II (Harrison) commissions Michelangelo (Heston) to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the artist initially refuses. Virtually forced to do the job by Julius, Michelangelo later destroys his own work and flees Rome. Nominated for an Oscar for Cinematography and named one of the year's best films by the National Board of Review, *The Agony and the Ecstasy* is a fascinating dramatization of the battle of wills behind one of the world's artistic masterpieces.



Magnificat Breakfast

Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Claireport Centre

65 Claireport Crescent, Etobicoke

Join us for our 42nd Magnificat breakfast for women. Treat your mother, sister, colleague, friend or yourself to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, songs of praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Guest Speaker: Dolores Miccio.

CONTACT: Frances

PHONE: 416-749-0553

COST: \$30 each

WEB/REGISTRATION: http://www.stbenedicts.ca/docs/2018_Magnificat_Breakfast.html.

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

CLOTHING DRIVE

October 20th and 21st

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated last weekend. Thank you to the Knights who organized and gave of their time for this worthy cause. We received an abundance of items for men, donated to Good Shepherd Mission, women and children, donated to St. Vincent dePaul. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



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