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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

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Feb 26th – March 2nd



Tues. 8:30 am - Irena Sariowska-Kubicka †
Wed. 8:30 am - Connie Fung †
Thurs. Noon - Harry Ip †
Fri. 8:30 am - Father Frank Abbass †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Kevin D'Mello †

READINGS FOR – March 3rd

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58
Gospel: Luke 6.39-45



2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL



Save the date!! April 27, 2019!!

The Knights of Columbus are preparing our "Spring Social". More details to follow.

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT WEEKEND

The First Communion Enrolment Weekend will be on March 2nd and 3rd at all Masses, we will welcome the Grade 2 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. The Enrolment Ceremony encourages families to continue to attend Mass together, as well as making the children feel welcome, recognized and witnessed through the congregation. The children will be asked to come up to the Altar at the end of Mass to present their "Hearts" before the final Blessing.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

"Love your enemies, do good to those who dislike you, bless those who speak ill of you and pray for those who mistreat you." "Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful." We all know how difficult this is to do.



We'll never be able to do it without God's grace, without learning to be very conscious that God is present with us each day, without asking God for the strength of His grace many times each day. The invitation of Jesus to love those who get in our face, who know how to push all our buttons, goes against our natural feelings of irritation and anger. Jesus seems to be asking too much.

What Jesus is asking of us is to be all that grace enables us to be. By our baptism, we have been given a share in the life and love of God. Jesus has become our brother; we are children of our heavenly Father by grace. Divine life is in us and that life enables us to live as Jesus lived. Jesus is asking us to learn to live by the new life we have been given. Because of grace, we are able to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Jesus has shown us how to love those who irritate us, how to forgive those who injure us.

To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The key is learning the discipline of remembering that you share divine life. Difficult as it may seem; nonetheless if we want to be free from the enslavement of hatred and negative emotions, we have to follow what Jesus is telling us. It's only through forgiveness that we would be free from hatred. It's only through the way of love that we could become true followers of Jesus. There's no other way but the way of love and forgiveness. Then the challenge that Jesus offers – to love my enemies – is not so impossible for you to try to meet. You can meet it because you trust in God who lives in you.

2019 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Metro Toronto Convention
Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto**



The theme of this year's rally is
"Hope in the midst of

Suffering. "... we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; character; and hope." Romans 5:3-4. Featuring inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring, CC; an adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring; a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

Cost: \$25 for Adults - \$15 for youth

Contact: Catholic Renewal Ministries

Phone: 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510

Email: contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary

Friday, March 15, 2019 7:00 pm to

Sunday, March 17, 2019 1:30 pm

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 15 (7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 17 (1:30 p.m.) 2019, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made in 2018 are now available for pick up. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home

211 Langstaff Road East, Thornhill

Thursday, February 28 – 7 to 8 p.m.

We are honoured to be able to share with you information about the beginning of a series of free Bereavement Seminars for 2019. Our families have reached out to us and have asked for added support after the funeral of their love one. We want to continue to care for our families beyond the day of the funeral. We are now hosting Bereavement Seminars at Holy Cross Funeral Home in Thornhill. This is a very casual evening and is intended to bring a sense of community and understanding as we all are there for a common purpose...learning to cope the loss of a loved One. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

CONTACT: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services-Archdiocese of Toronto

PHONE: 416-733-8544 x 2047 **EMAIL:** info@cc-fs.ca

Dynamic Women of Faith Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2019 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

Celebrating our 10th year! Mass celebrant: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. Includes a light breakfast, lunch, free parking and a free book. Speakers and topics to include:

Dr. Ray Guarendi

Laughter: The Sanity of the Family Life

Mary Wagner

Jesus won my Heart

Fr. Eric Mah

Lawyer to Priest – The Journey

Dorothy Pilarski

Motherhood Matters

Early bird rates are available. Limited seating. Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>. For more information, please contact 416-907-1042.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, February 27th beginning at 7:00 pm. (No Mass) New members are always welcome.

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