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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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# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MARCH 3, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am - Anthony & Rosemary Sung †

Wed. 8:30 am - Otilia Lee †

Thurs. Noon - Souls in Purgatory †

Fri. 8:30 am - Simon Leung in Thanksgiving

Sat. 4:30 pm - Thomas Luk †

## READINGS FOR – March 10<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 26.4-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13



## SEASON OF LENT

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to.

If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us. This is about God's great desire to bless us. So let us prepare to receive what God wants to give us.

### Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm with Ashes being distributed at both Masses.



### The Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow the path of Christ commencing this Friday at 7:00 pm.

### The Rosary

"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary." The Rosary will be recited at 4:10 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily Mass.



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as "the proof of the pudding is in the eating". Today's scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord's work always, and so share in Christ's victory over death itself.



When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbor's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own.

It is for the very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgement and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom!! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "steadfast love in the morning" and his "faithfulness by night."





## 2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

**Save the date!! April 27, 2019!!**

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

**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](http://www.vocationstoronto.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

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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.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



## Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are major days of fasting and abstinence.

### Abstinence

Refrain from eating meat and soup or gravy made from meat. Fish is allowed. Canon Law applies abstinence to all healthy adults and those who have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Generally, we are urged to refrain from eating meat on all Fridays during the season on Lent.

### Partial Abstinence

Meat and soup or gravy may be eaten once a day as part of the principal meal.

### Fasting

Is the taking of only one full meal (which may include meat) and two smaller, meatless meals that don't equal the large one meal. No eating between meals, but water, milk, tea, coffee and juices are OK. Meat is allowed at one meal (assuming abstinence isn't also expected on a given day). Traditionally, everyone over 21 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast; but the present Code of Law sets the age of 18 and 59 as the limits.



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