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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

March 19th – March 23rd

Tues. 8:30 am - Agnes Theresa Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am - Virginia Puscas †

Thurs. Noon - Jean St. Arnaud †

Fri. 8:30 am - Andrew Welsh †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Araujo Family †

READINGS FOR – March 24th

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9



Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.



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.



Saint Patrick's Day March 17

St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.


Happy
St. Patrick's Day

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed."



Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Through the abundance of his divine love, God gives a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in His risen humanity. The apostles witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. He understood the human weakness of the disciples, and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered.

Like the Apostles, we too, believe firmly in God. We too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith. As our light and salvation, Jesus will give the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.



March 22, 2019

After the Stations of the Cross "Amazing Grace"

The inspiring story of how one man's passion and perseverance changed the world. Based on the true life story of William Wilberforce, a leader of the British abolition movement, the film chronicles his epic struggle to pass a law to end the slave trade. John Newton reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn *Amazing Grace*, urges him to see the cause through.

Ministry with Maturing Adults Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.

Friday, March 29 – "Advance Care Planning"

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone 905-881-1534

Flower Collection for Easter

March 23rd and 24th Masses

Donations will help brighten up the church!



Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Living the Gospel by helping Young Mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

ShareLife Sunday
March 31, 2019

LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION

Please mark your calendars now and make the time to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(No evening confessions)

Wednesday, April 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Three priests will be available) If you need help especially if you have been away for some time simply ask the priest and he will help you by "walking" you through the steps to make a good confession.



Catholic Women's League

Upcoming CWL monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. (No mass this evening). We are very honoured to have Dr. Chow who will be presenting a Health Talk on "Chronic Pain" at 7:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



Women of the Word Toronto 10th Anniversary Forum

Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

The Royalton Hospitality Inc.

8201 Weston Rd., Woodbridge

Women of the Word Toronto invites you to their 10th Anniversary Forum, "Living Truth, Beauty and Goodness." This year's speakers include Fr. Michael Della Penna, Dr. Josephine Lombardi and Gizela Cardoso. The event will be emceed by Celeste Giraldo Estrada.

COST: \$60 (includes breakfast and plated lunch)

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2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Save the date!! April 27, 2019!! It's time for our community to get together and enjoy a delicious meal and dance the night away at St. Bonaventure's Parish Hall. More details to follow.



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