



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

Deacons: Michael Gennaro
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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



April 23rd to April 27th

Tues. 8:30 am - Mary & Vincent Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am - Betsy Abarquez †

Thurs. 12:00 (noon) - Kevin Sultan-Khan †

Fri. 8:30 am - Muriel Williams †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius Kwan †

Readings for Sunday April 28th

1st Reading: Acts 5.12-16

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Dear Parishioners:

“Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

Our Lord has conquered sin and death. The Good Shepherd is with us to guide us safely through this life to his Heavenly Kingdom.

Therefore, today we renew our baptismal promises. In doing so, we renew our commitment to Christ as our Lord and Savior, and promise again to serve him as a faithful member of his church.

As your pastor, I am very grateful for all the hard work and dedication of so many people who make our Holy Week Liturgies so beautiful: lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, altar society, choir members and musicians, the enhancement committee and those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers. The faith commitment of the people and families who make up Good Shepherd Parish bears witness to the reality of the resurrection. Truly, the Risen Lord is with us and dwells among us.

On behalf of Ornella, our Parish Administrator, our Deacons Michael Gennaro & James Shaughnessy, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

May God bless,

Father Anthony



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead.”

This day is a great occasion. It is the celebration of all celebrations, the feast of all feasts, the centerpiece of the Church year. There is much to feel good and joyful about this day. Our Lenten observance has come to an end and we can finally proclaim, “Alleluia, Christ is risen.”

We may be tempted to think that Christmas is the feast of feasts because it captures our imagination, and it is easier to relate to a vulnerable little child than to enter into, let alone understand, the mystery of a God who, having died a horrendous death as a public criminal, should be raised again to life. We should not be dismayed if, sometimes we struggle to piece the jigsaw together. The apostles were the same, struggling to understand what was happening.

This is Easter, the Resurrection. A new world was born that morning when Jesus stepped out of the tomb where he had lain for three days. The sin which brought darkness was obliterated and the work began anew, bathed in the light of the Resurrection.

Today it is enough for you to realise that we are being asked to accept our call to be faithful witnesses of the Resurrection. Now, as heralds of this good news – news which even makes the Friday of Holy Week “good” – we are proclaiming not only that Christ was brought back to life, but that we too have been brought back to life with Him. This miracle is not confined to that historical event some 2,000 years ago. It is alive this Easter morning, and it is alive every Sunday morning when we re-create the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. We have already been brought back to life and freed from the sin that held us bound. This is the miracle: the light of Christ banishes the darkness of hopelessness.



EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services.

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' needs without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, April 24th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m.

New members are always welcome!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Italian Cuisine Night

Monday, April 29

Ladies join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by an excellent Italian meal featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea and Coffee all for the bargain price of \$10.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. Please bring a small gift or gift-card to be included in our Mother's Day Gift Baskets for Rosalie Hall.

BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses on April 28th. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

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

Fri. April 26 - "Spiritual Strengths & Inner Resources"
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

Upcoming
Events:



Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

"Restless Heart:

The Confessions of Augustine"

This movie is the true story of St. Augustine of Hippo told in his own words. It is based on his famous book "The Confessions". The film uses an historic backdrop, the collapse of the Roman Empire to narrate the events in the life of one who moved from sinner to Saint.

2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Save the date!! April 27, 2019!!

Tickets are going fast. Get your tickets after all masses this weekend. It's time for our community to get together, enjoy a delicious meal and dance the night away at:

St. Bonaventure's Parish Hall
1300 Leslie Street

Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$45 per person, Students \$25
Cash Bar / DJ all evening / Door Prizes



Divine Mercy Conference

Friday, April 26 - 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Toronto Pavilion

190 Railside Road, Toronto

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Confessions will be available throughout the conference. For information call:

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