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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 EASTER - DIVINE MERCY April 28, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



April 30th to May 4th

Tues. 8:30 am – Chung/Szeto Family ☩

Wed. 8:30 am – Anthony Lee ☩

Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – Lucy Chan ☩

Fri. 8:30 am – Winston & Effie Ferguson ☩

Sat. 4:30 pm – Rick & Anita Peruch

50th Wedding Anniversary

Readings for Sunday May 5th

1st Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

2nd Reading: Revelations 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-9



FIRST FRIDAY May 3rd

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.



Eight days later, Jesus came.

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead.

On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection. With the Lord appearing to Thomas strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well known, discussed, and appreciated - the meeting of the Risen Lord with St. Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text.



Poor Thomas! One moment of disbelief earned him a reputation that has stayed with him throughout the centuries: Doubting Thomas. And who can blame him for doubting? Would we not have responded like Thomas if someone claimed to have seen a dead person who was now mysteriously alive? We realize that St. Thomas was also the first of the disciples to voice the truth about who Jesus really is - both Lord and God. Jesus' response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as 'My Lord and my God', has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples - those who 'have seen' - but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. 'You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' That which we 'have not seen' is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One.

Each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we too come face to face with the Risen Christ. Our faith in the real presence tells us that. Our lives, like Thomas', can and should be changed each time we celebrate Eucharist. Today we pray that we who receive the Body of Christ may in turn become the Body of Christ in the world.

**Living the Gospel by Welcoming
Newcomers to Canada**

Jane endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Jane arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Cross Cultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Jane says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

The Easter Spirit was evident this past weekend. Our parishioners donated a total of forty-seven (47) casseroles and an additional 24 lbs. of other foods. Your efforts to feed the hungry are greatly appreciated and we thank you.



**Upcoming
Events:**

**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.



Source of Mercy with the Sisters of Life

Sunday, April 28, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Blessed Trinity Parish

3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto

Join us for a special Source of Mercy event on Divine Mercy Sunday. We invite you to spend the Hour of Mercy in prayer from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Parish in North York. The event will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection on Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Litany of Trust. Led by the Sisters of Life. We hope to see you there!

CONTACT: The Sisters of Life

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**2019 Life in the Spirit Conference
Refreshed & Renewed**

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. to

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Academy

66 Dufferin Park Ave., Toronto

Join us for a weekend of praise and worship, celebration of the Eucharist and a spirit-filled conference led by powerful speakers. Allow yourself to be renewed through the power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Free admission with light lunch included. Pre-registration is a must.

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Why Are We Here

A Meditation on Canada

Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. Bonaventure's Parish

1300 Leslie St., Toronto

Today Canadians face multiple challenges: environmentally, socially and within our democratic institutions. At times it is difficult to hold fruitful dialogues with our neighbours and family when we may not share the same vision for Canada. Mary Jo Leddy invites us to come together and explore the fundamental question of "Why Are We Here?" Please invite your family, friends and neighbours as all are welcome. For info call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 ext. 550

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