



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 12, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



May 14<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Wed. 8:30 am – Herculano Mascarenhas †

Thurs. 12:00 (noon) – Aiden Leung  
Special Intention

Fri. 8:30 am – Fausto Ignagni †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius & Lucia Shen †

## Readings for Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14.21b-27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a

Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++



## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers, young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me."*

This is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is part of the continuing journey of Easter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives His life for His sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise He makes in today's Gospel: "I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost." This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection; how we live the Easter Story.



Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for all of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls. How can we respond to the loving call of the Good Shepherd through our actions?

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 12

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, The Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people. Today, on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray for increased vocations worldwide. We all have a calling to share our faith in Jesus and, by the way we live, to help draw others into his fold.

### ShareLife

*Helping the whole community  
through Catholic agencies*

#### Living the Gospel by Helping Those With Addictions

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

Total to date \$44,149.35. Campaign goal \$141,000.00.

Balance required to reach goal - \$96,850.65

**June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

**Upcoming  
Events:**

#### "Sharing St. Augustine's"

We cordially invite you to attend a presentation entitled "Sharing St. Augustine's." This hour-long event, which includes a beautiful video, is not a fundraiser, but rather it is an awareness campaign that focuses on bringing visibility to St. Augustine's Seminary and on offering insight to our Catholic community. We will also detail what St. Augustine's has to offer to lay formation groups and to the young and the not-so-young parishioners. Catherine Von Zuben, chair of "Friends of St. Augustine's" will be presenting this event.

**Please join us on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** Light refreshments will be served.

## PILGRIMAGE MARTYR SHRINE MIDLAND



The Knights of Columbus have organized a parish pilgrimage to the Martyr Shrine in Midland, on June 15, 2019. The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. Mass celebration at 10:30 followed by a blessing with the Relics of our Canadian Martyrs. Following Mass there will be a presentation in the Father Filion Centre given by a resident priest. We will then have free time for lunch and tour the grounds (**don't forget to pack your picnic lunch**). The bus will depart at 2:30 p.m. The cost for the bus, admission and a donation to the Shrine is \$40.00 per person. Tickets are available at the back of the church after each Mass.

#### Ministry with Maturing Adults

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

Fri. May 24 - "The Hidden Treasures in our Life Stories"

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

Register: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca) or phone 905-881-1534

#### Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick



Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Reception to follow in the Church hall

We invite you, your family and friends to receive God's grace of peace, courage, strength, and healing at Holy Mass where those who are suffering from physical and mental illness may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Who should receive the Sacrament? The elderly; people living with serious illness, facing surgery or serious medical tests, or have suffered a serious accident; people living with chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, etc., and people living with mental illness. Following Holy Mass, there will be a reception where we may gather for support and fellowship. We regret that we are unable to provide transportation to and from Blessed Trinity Church. We encourage you to arrange transportation with family and friends. You may also RSVP Kay Booker, Visiting Ministry to the Sick and Homebound at 416-357-5378 or [kaymax@sympatico.ca](mailto:kaymax@sympatico.ca)

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