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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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BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 12, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Jan 14th - Jan 18th



Tues. 8:30 am - Jeannette Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am - Ivy Wong & Doris Chen †

Thurs. Noon - Thelma Domingo †

Fri. 8:30 am - Jimmy Au-Yeung †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Ignatius Kwan †

READINGS FOR – January 19th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can double check our records. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2019 will be available by the **end of February**. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2020 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



If you are currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2020. PAG is administered by the Archdiocese and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer at the back of the church.

FEED THE HUNGRY



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend January 18th/19th.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.”



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: “This is my Son, the Beloved.” On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send His only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year. The hope of Christmas, though, never ends. Through baptism into Christ, we share in His life in God and in His promise-keeping mission in the world.

“The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.”



"FIREPROOF"
Join us on
**Friday, January 17th at
7:00 pm**

Kirk Cameron stars as Caleb Holt, a heroic fire captain who values dedication and service to others above all else. But the most important partnership in his life, his marriage, is about to go up in smoke. This gripping story follows one man's desire to transform his life and marriage through the healing power of faith and fully embrace the fireman's code: ***Never Leave Your Partner Behind.***

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS
WITH CARDINAL COLLINS
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**



As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 Celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a

couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave. East - Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 X523.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Productions at 905-624-4422.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, **Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE
Sunday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Yorkminster Park Baptist
Church - 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto**

Join us for an ecumenical prayer service to celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will be reflecting on the Word of God with other Christian leaders. Learn more about this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at <http://bit.ly/ChristianUnity2020>. All are welcome! For more information please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 934-3400 ext. 527.



**LENTEN COURSE
Lent, Season of Transformation &
Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the
Apostles**



Good Shepherd parish invites you to participate in a six-week Little Rock Scripture Study – *Alive in the Word*. Course beginning **Shrove Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Details to follow.

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit
Saturday, February 1 to Sunday, February 9, 2020
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga
Please join us as we host the Vatican approved "Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit." The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allows you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.
PHONE: 905-848-2420

**Ministry with Maturing Adults
Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Winter Program**

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.
Topic: **An Ignatian Response to Homelessness and Addiction**
Thursday, January 30th
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Facilitator: Viola Athaide



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