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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEBRUARY 2, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Feb 4th – Feb 8th

Tues. 8:30 am – Rose Pirri †

Wed. 8:30 am – Leticia Aming †

Thurs. Noon – Anthony Scolaro †

Fri. 8:30 am – In Thanksgiving

Fernandes Family

Sat. 4:30 pm – Jean Luc Zufferey †

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

FEBRUARY 2

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord”.

READINGS FOR – February 9th

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10++

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16



THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also a fitting way to mark the World Day of Consecrated Life. In today’s Gospel, two prophets, Simeon and Anna, proclaim Jesus as the longed-for Saviour. Simeon, in particular, is filled with the Spirit, the Spirit through whom Jesus is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

The prophetess Anna spent her life in Temple, praying and fasting. While Jesus is her presented as a sign of contradiction, so too is Anna. How her life contradicts a world indifferent to God!

Those in religious orders and other form of consecrated life give a unique prophetic witness. Their vows (or promises) of poverty, chastity and obedience offer a stark contrast to a world where wealth, sexual “freedom” and personal autonomy are often the highest values. Religious men and women challenge us to give ourselves totally to Jesus.

Although few can spend all our days in the temple, we can live in union with the Holy Spirit in secular life. We can make time each day to sit silently in God’s presence, longing for the fullness of that presence. Hunger for the Spirit is transformative of both our personal lives and our society. Be not afraid; the Holy Spirit is with you. May we go forward as faithful Christians to enlighten the world with our faith!



FIRST FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you are able, please commit to a specific time.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between Jan. 1st – Dec. 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.)

SHARELIFE DONATIONS

Parishioners who participate in our parish’s Pre-Authorized Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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



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.



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.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

“Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham.” If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

According to tradition, early in the morning on February 2 every year, the groundhog emerges from hibernation; if it sees its shadow, it returns to its burrow for six weeks as a sunny day indicates a late spring, while a cloudy day would mean an early spring. There is a festival in Wiarton, Ontario, where the town groundhog, Wiarton Willie, will deliver his “prediction”.



Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15 2020

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.

“The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler”

Friday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Based on Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who smuggled approximately 2,500 Jewish



children to safety during the German occupation of Poland. Irena is a Catholic social worker who has sympathized with the Jews since her childhood, when her physician father died of typhus contracted while treating poor Jewish patients. When she initially proposes saving Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto, her idea is met with skepticism by fellow workers, her parish priest, and even her own mother Janina.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of February 15th/16th.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



Next weekend, the Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy.

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