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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Feb 25th – Feb 29th
 Tues. 8:30 am – Virginia Pucas †
 Wed. 8:30 am – May Chan †
 7:00 pm – Rita de Souza †
 Thurs. Noon –
 Fri. 8:30 am –
 Sat. 4:30 pm – Fernan & Lucy Gomez
 50th Wedding Anniversary

READINGS FOR – March 1st

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++
 2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11



SEASON OF LENT

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us. This is about God's great desire to bless us. So let us prepare to receive what God wants to give us.



Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm with Ashes being distributed at both Masses.

The Stations of the Cross

Commencing this Friday at 7:00 p.m.
 Please attend as we follow the path of Christ.



The Rosary

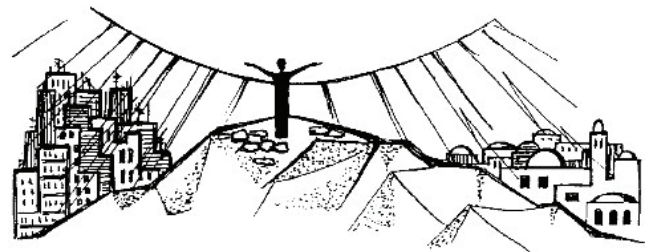
"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary." The Rosary will be recited at 4:10 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily mass.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

GROWING IN STEWARDSHIP AND HOLINESS

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, "be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to "be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it. Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that "all Christ's faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives – and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will" (Lumen Gentium, 41). Essentially, Lumen Gentium teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God's grace, toward holiness.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, February 26th beginning at 7:30 p.m. after Ash Wednesday Mass. New members are always welcome.





LENTEN COURSE

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

All those registered for Alive in the Word

the first session begins on **Shrove Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Thursday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Navigating the Health Care System

Guest Speaker: Linda Ind from CHATS Programs
and Services

CHATS' Adult Day Programs provide older adults with individualized plans of care, a variety of social and wellness activities and companionship.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Saturday, February 29 to Sunday, March 8
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
3200 Thomas St., 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 allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

PHONE: 905-826-1143

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Dir. at 416-968-0997.**



2020 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto**



The theme of this year's rally is "**Jesus, Light of the World**". Featuring inspired talks by Ralph Martin; Christy Dupuis; Monsignor Gregory Smith; and keynote speaker Fr. James Mallon. An adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.
Cost: \$25 for Adults - \$15 for youth
Contact: Catholic Renewal Ministries
Phone: 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510
Email: contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

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/vocations@archtoronto.org](tel:416-968-0997)

TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made between Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st, 2019 are now available in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions please contact the office at 905-881-1534. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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