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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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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 15, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Dr. Andrew Frieri †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Veronica Darbeau †  
Thurs. Noon – Muriel Williams †  
Fri. 8:30 am – Gerry & Rita de Souza †  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Dr. Mickey Lowe †

## READINGS FOR – March 22<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14  
Gospel: John 9.1-41



**Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.**

### The Stations of the Cross

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.



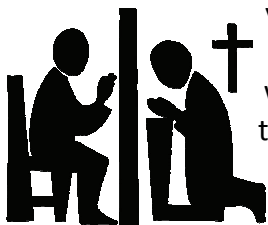
## LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION

Please mark your calendars now and make the time to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (One Priest)**

**Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Four priests will be available)** If you need help especially if

you have been away for some time simply ask the priest and he will help you by walking you through the steps to make a good confession.



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

**“A spring of water welling up to eternal life”**

In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was “tired” yet He still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that “the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Through this image of water Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children.



As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. It is important to have all our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord’s grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, with wisdom typical of saints, explained why we should give ourselves to God: “Why should we give ourselves completely to God? Because God has given Himself to us. If God who owes us nothing is ready to give us nothing less than Himself, can we respond with only a small part of ourselves? Giving ourselves totally to God is a way of receiving God. I am for God and God is for me. I live for God and renounce myself, in this way I allow God to live for me. To possess God we must allow Him to possess our souls. (Blessed Teresa di Calcutta).



Soon we will be launching our 2020 ShareLife Campaign. ShareLife is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages! Today, we reflect on Living the Gospel in countless ways. You might not realize the impact of your donation to ShareLife. Your generosity supports over 40 agencies that help thousands of people in your community and beyond. As the 2020 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

## ShareLife Sunday March 29, 2020

### “FEED MY LAMBS”



This weekend is the collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for ten underprivileged people.



**Flower Collection for Easter  
March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Masses  
Donations will help brighten up the church!**

### Saint Patrick's Day March 17

St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.



## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### Preventative Measures in Place

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to work with health officials to monitor the local situation regarding active cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, Cardinal Collins has asked all parishes to implement the following measures:

- At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod or “Peace be with you” to your neighbour is appropriate.
- For parishes offering communion under both species, forgo the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice for the congregation at this time.
- Parishes should ensure that those distributing communion wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion.

Please also continue to practice healthy hygiene – wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly, remain home if you are sick, sneeze/cough into your sleeve and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Let us continue to care for ourselves and one another as we pray for all those impacted worldwide by COVID-19.

### Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

#### Ministry with Maturing Adults

#### Winter Program – Good Shepherd Parish

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

**Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

“Encountering Christ in the Sick and Dying” - Based on the insights of Dr. Josephine Lombardi

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### “The Miracle of The Cards”

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**



Craig Shergold (Thomas Sangster) is an eight year old cancer patient who, during the course of his treatment, manages to shock the world by breaking The Guinness World Record for receiving get-well cards, amassing an astounding 1.3 million cards from around the globe. But as amazing as that is, it's only the beginning of the miracles. This heart-warming story of love and faith in the face of death, will bring tears to your eyes and make even the toughest sceptics examine their own faith.

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