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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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCT. 10, 2021

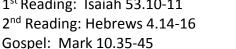


Oct. 5th - Oct. 9th

Tues. 8:30 am - Edward Urwalek 🕆 Wed. 8:30 am - Roger Marrec ਪੈ Thurs. Noon - Alice Young & Fri. 8:30 am - Pietro Mollicone 🕆 Sat. 4:30 pm - Michael Chung &

READINGS FOR - Oct. 17th

1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, thank You for this special day when we bow our heads in thanksgiving and consider our many blessings. We thank You for our health and our homes and the beauty all around us. We thank You for answering our prayers and for knowing what we need even before we ask. Most of all, we thank You for surrounding us with the gifts of family and friends - for their laughter, trust and love. Please bless those who can't be with us yet remain close to our hearts, and continue to bless and protect us all. This is our loving prayer to You on this Thanksgiving Day.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Amen

FEED MY LAMBS

Trays and recipes will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend, Oct. 16th/17th. We



thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate.

The Word This Week "Go and sell everything you own and follow me."

In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to us. When Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "he was shocked and went away grieving". His face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. How sad it is that such a keen, and by all accounts, good young man could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back, his dependence on money. Jesus' words "... how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!", perhaps indicates his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' answer implies that keeping the Commandments is not enough. It is a good start, but it is not enough. At first glance it seems as though Jesus is a little harsh with the young man, but then Jesus looks at him and loves him, as if he senses his dilemma.

Is this lesson about divesting oneself of possessions and choosing the frugal itinerant life? Jesus was saying something even more important: give away your attachment not only to possessions, but also to the stature and prestige we associate with possessions.

We will never know if the rich man gave away all his possessions to follow Jesus. All we can truly know is what we are willing to give up so we can be true Disciples of Christ.

Rosary Rally October 16 2021

We would like to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16th at 12:00 noon at Wagoners Wells and Steeles. This



Public Square Rosary, sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of over 20,000 rallies taking place on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 - Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 Virtual/Online

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

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First Holy Communion June 2022

Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that First Holy Communions Mass will take place June 19th and 26th, 2022.

Sacramental preparation will take the form of a combination of Virtual and In-person Sessions. Registration will occur by email and through the parish office, with deadline to register by Jan 16th, 2022. Please contact Coordinator Nisha Fernandes (Nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca) to receive the registration form that can be filled and returned via email, in the collection basket or to the parish office, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. A fee of \$40 for books and resources is requested (etransfer, or cheque/ cash dropped off to the parish office or the collection basket). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact First Communion Coordinator Nisha Fernandes by email or at 416-567-3626.



Annual Day of Reflection for Men Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 - 09:30 AM - 01:00 PM

St. John Paul II wrote in Familiaris Consortio, "St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care." As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we will reflect on his life as a man of strong moral character, contemplation and action. In difficult and challenging times, he teaches us how to humbly surrender to divine providence. Join us as we reflect on St. Joseph's life, which serves as a model for all men today. Presenter: Rev. Edwin Gonsalves.

COST: \$25

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Living the Gospel by Supporting Frontline Workers

Day in and day out, frontline workers have been working tirelessly during the pandemic. While they are there for us, who is there for them? Catholic Family Services agencies have served countless people who are on the front lines during the pandemic, providing counselling and support. Your gift to ShareLife is helping them cope with the stress and anxiety of being exposed to illness.

October 31 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting men and women 55+ to the following Zoom meetings at 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 21, 2021

"Getting your Immune System Ready for Winter"

Thursday, October 28, 2021

"Aging and Creativity"

To register please call the Church office for the Zoom link.

Reflecting on the Pastoral Plan Of the Archdiocese of Toronto Parish Life

How can each member of our parish be encouraged to use their unique gifts and talents in service of the Church? For more reflections, information and resources on the *Pastoral Plan*, visit

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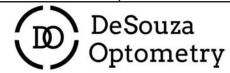


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