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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 27, 2022



March 29th – April 2nd

Tues. 8:30 am – Stella Leung †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Thurs. Noon – Muriel Williams †

Fri. 8:30 am –

Sat. 4:30 pm – Josephine Mendez †

READINGS FOR – April 3rd

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

2nd Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: Luke 8.1-11



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.



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during lent.

The Rosary

The Rosary will be recited at 4:00 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily mass.



CONFESSION TIMES



Tuesday – Wednesday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

The Word This Week

"Your brother here was dead and has come to life."

As today we hear one of Jesus' most beautiful parables, the Prodigal Son, the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation".



This parable shows the deep love of a father for his lost son. Imagine him praying each day for his son's return, requesting God to guard him from harm, asking God to help the son even when the son's behavior didn't honor God. During these prayers the understanding that God wouldn't suspend the law of consequences didn't keep him from asking for God's mercy and goodness on his son. Mercy – as Christ has presented it in the parable – has the interior form of the love that in the New Testament is called agape. This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and restored - "returned to life."

This parable is also about each of us. God the Father stands waiting for the time when each of His children will at last realize the need for a lasting and satisfying relationship with Him.

FIRST FRIDAY APRIL 1st

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continues until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.



COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Effective March 21, masking no longer required in the church and we can "sing" again!! We recognize the significant suffering that these restrictions have placed on all and during Lent, we are making a special effort to welcome all the faithful back to church and ensure a positive experience and safely worship together.

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday
"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our parish goal is \$146,000.00

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.



ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Join this free webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee Selection
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

Email: development@archtoronto.org to register. Please include 'webinar April 9' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link to the webinar on April 4th and in a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College.

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by June 30, 2022. For further information, please contact Good Shepherd Parish office at 905-881-1534.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. We collected forty-four casseroles and 111 pounds of other food items. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



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