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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 3, 2022



April 5th – April 9th

Tues. 8:30 am – DeSouza Family †

Wed. 8:30 am – Kafi Wilson Sp. Intention

Thurs. Noon – Helen D'Souza Sp. Intention

Fri. 8:30 am – Audrey Sun †

Sat. 4:30 pm –

READINGS FOR – April 10th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56



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

Mark your Calendar APRIL

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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM



The Word This Week

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."



Leaving old ways behind is not easy. Today's readings remind us that breaking away from the past is essential to obtaining eternal life with Jesus. God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

The goodness and mercy of God and our need for repentance, continue to be illustrated all through the Lenten readings. The account of the woman caught in adultery is in reality a story of the conflict of Jesus and the authorities who were intent on putting him to the test. This event took place in the outer court of the Temple, a public place. Here the faithful are instructed in the observance of the Law. The dilemma for Jesus is whether he advocates the appropriate Mosaic sentence – death by stoning – or clings to his own teachings on mercy and compassion. In a society governed by honour and shame, they realize that Jesus has outwitted and humiliated them. Despite her obvious guilt, the woman herself is of minor significance to these authorities (her equally guilty partner has not been dragged forward) and Jesus does not even look at her or address her until they have all left in shame. With compassionate respect, Jesus neither condones nor condemns this stranger, as He invites her to a new life. Acceptance and love allow repentance and change to occur in others far more readily than harsh judgments and unacceptance.

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.



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.

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.



Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery. Jesus admonishes the gathered scribes and Pharisees. They want her stoned and Jesus says "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Our Lord's message is one of great love, forgiveness and respect for all of God's people. Social Service agencies funded by ShareLife have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need—not on lifestyle, gender, ethnicity, nor the faith beliefs of those they help. With last week's ShareLife collection, our parishioners have contributed \$12,200.00 toward our goal of \$146,000.00.

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