

He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Apr. 19th - Apr. 23rd

Tuesday - Osbert D'Sylva †
Wednesday - Margaret Tang – Sp. Int.
Thursday - Kim Yin Chau †
Friday - Kathleen Ross Waugh †
Saturday - In Thanksgiving – Karisch Family

READINGS FOR – April 24th

1st Reading: Acts 5.112-16
2nd Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13
Gospel: John 20.19-31



The Word This Week
"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord."

A dark morning, it seems like the world is ending. Nothing remains ... no future, only sadness ... even the tomb is empty. No comfort to be found in grieving. If only time could turn back! Mary stands, weeping, outside the darkened tomb. She is bereft, hoping against hope, but now she is unable even to gaze on the lifeless body of her beloved Jesus who had been the promise of so much. Unless we have suffered the loss of someone close, it is impossible to understand the death. But this is even worse – a disappearance. Then suddenly, Jesus appears and the darkness engulfing her soul is lifted. We can imagine it is as if light burst forth from the tomb.

This is Easter, the Resurrection. A new world was born that morning when Jesus stepped out of the tomb where he had lain for three days. The sin which brought darkness was obliterated and the world began anew, bathed in the light of the Resurrection. This miracle is not confined to that historical event some 2,000 years ago. It is alive this Easter morning and every time we recreate the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. This is the miracle, the light of Christ banishes the darkness of hopelessness.

Dear Parishioners:

***"Jesus Christ is risen today!
Alleluia!"***

Our Lord has conquered sin and death. The Good Shepherd is with us to guide us safely through this life to his Heavenly Kingdom.

During these difficult times of pandemic which has led to so much despair, we are privileged that we could once again celebrate Holy Week as a time for renewal and hope. Our Easter message to all of you is: "It wasn't nails that held him to the cross but His love for you and me. Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy. Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart. 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given. He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crucified for our iniquities and by His wounds we are healed. It's not about the bunny, it's about the Lamb. Jesus didn't say, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." He was just getting started."

As your pastor, I am grateful for all the hard work of so many people: lectors, ushers, choir and musicians, the enhancement committee and those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers.

The faith commitment of the people and families who make up Good Shepherd Parish bears witness to the reality of the resurrection. Truly, the risen Lord is with us and dwells among us.

On behalf of Fr. Silva, Ornella, our Deacons Michael Gennaro & James Shaughnessy, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

God bless you, Father Anthony

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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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Italian Cuisine Night

Monday April 25

Ladies join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by an excellent Italian meal featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea and Coffee all for the bargain price of \$15.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses the next two weekends. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. Please note that only thirty (30) tickets will be sold.



EASTER MESSAGE

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia." "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father. Amen"

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays will be collected before each Mass on April 16/17. 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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Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive on May 21st and 22nd. Please save any clothing or fabrics that you would like to donate. More information to follow.

Restriction Updates

Physical distancing is no longer required. Parishioners are still welcomed to wear masks in church, if they so choose. We are making a special effort to welcome all the faithful back to church and ensure a positive experience and safely worship together.

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