

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 24, 2022



Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 - Llewelyn Baldeo †  
Wednesday 8:30 - Albin Joseph Shaughnessy †  
Thursday Noon - Kevin Sultan-Khan †  
Friday 8:30 - Ignatius Kwan †  
Saturday 4:30 - Jim Howe †

## READINGS FOR – May 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Act 5.28-32, 40b-10b-41  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5.11-14  
Gospel: John 21.1-19



## MERCY OF GOD SUNDAY

"I shall sing forever the Lord's mercy." (Ps 89 [88]) This Sunday is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy).

*"From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy."*

Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska

## The Word This Week

*"Eight days later, Jesus came."*

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well known, discussed, and appreciated - the meeting of the Risen Lord with St. Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text.



Poor Thomas! One moment of disbelief earned him a reputation that has stayed with him throughout the centuries: Doubting Thomas. And who can blame him for doubting? Would we not have responded like Thomas if someone claimed to have seen a dead person who was now mysteriously alive? We realize that St. Thomas was also the first of the disciples to voice the truth about who Jesus really is - both Lord and God. Jesus' response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as 'My Lord and my God', has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples - those who 'have seen' - but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. 'You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' That which we 'have not seen' is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One.

Each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we too come face to face with the Risen Christ. Our faith in the real presence tells us that. Our lives, like Thomas', can and should be changed each time we celebrate Eucharist. Today we pray that we who receive the Body of Christ may in turn become the Body of Christ in the world.



## 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 this weekend. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. Please note that only thirty (30) tickets



## Clothing Drive



### What's in your closet?

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

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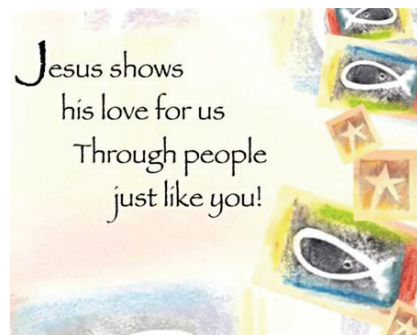
## Support Your Parish

Our primary concern continues to be the health and well-being of our parishioners, clergy and staff. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs are funded through the generosity of parishioners. It has been challenging for most parishes to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection. For those attending Mass, please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. You may want to consider giving electronically instead by visiting our [Donate Now page](#). If you are still unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:



Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office. Visit our [Donate Now page](#) by clicking here and select the region for our parish from the map. You will be taken to a page that allows you to choose our parish, and the amount of your gift (one-time or recurring), and payment method (credit card or chequing account). Finally, you can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically.

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