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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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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 5, 2023



March 7th – March 11th

Tues. 8:30 am – Otilia Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am – Helen D'Souza Sp. Intention

Thurs. Noon – Keith Lamie †

Fri. 8:30 am – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius & Kathy Penrose
50th Wedding Anniversary

READINGS FOR – March 12th

1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

"His face shone like the sun."

Today's Gospel is one of great mystery: the Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear next to Jesus, who himself is completely transfigured, radiating pure light. This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare.

Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass on of this life, we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom.



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.



MARCH 18 AND 19



The Legion of Mary invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.

Flower Collection for Easter

March 18th and 19th Masses
Donations will help brighten up the church



March 12
Clocks are moved forward one hour to Daylight Saving Time

GLORY2GOD SUMMER CAMP AT BLESSED TRINITY



Blessed Trinity Parish (Bayview and Finch) welcomes Good Shepherd children entering grades 1-6 in the fall to join their Glory2God Summer Camp! The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with before and after-care available) on July 10-14th and July 24-27th; come for one week or both – each week has its very own theme and field trip. Visit <https://www.blessedtrinityparish.ca/glory2god-camp> for more info and registration forms. Feel free to reach out to Tanya at G2GcampatBT@gmail.com with any questions.

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat

Friday, March 17, 06:30 P.M. –

Sunday March 19, 2023 02:30 P.M.

St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for Single Catholic men 18 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Mar. 11&12). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, Feb. 19th. 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.

Next weekend (Mar. 11&12) the Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



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