

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 26, 2023



March 28th – April 1st

Tues. 8:30 am – Msgr. John Weber Sp. Intention

Wed. 8:30 am – Maria Cordovado †

Thurs. Noon – Margarita Pombo †

Fri. 8:30 am – Mary Cassar †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Kim Yin Chau †

READINGS FOR – April 2nd

Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66



The Stations of the Cross

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

CONFESSION TIMES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing confessions on:

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Father Anthony and Father

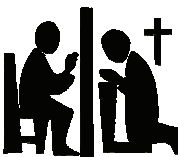
Dave Warren will be hearing confessions on:

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that confessions are also heard every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Confession during the Lenten season allows believers to go to the Lord in all humility. They recognize that they are sinners who were saved and redeemed by the Savior. Confessing one's sins declares a need for the continuing sanctification by the Spirit. In confessing one's sin, it would be helpful to ask the Holy Spirit to examine one's heart (Psalm 139:23-24).



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I am the resurrection and the life."

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very center and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us.

It was Martha and Mary's faith, even when confronted with Lazarus' death that gave rise to the extraordinary miracle worked by Christ. This is not only a consoling story narrated in the letters of the Gospel, but it is also accessible to us today in the Church from the day of our Baptism until when we are incorporated to Him by means of the Spirit that He has given to us. *'If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.'*



Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

The point of giving things up isn't to be reminded of how much we miss them, but rather to be awakened to how much we miss God and long for his life-giving Spirit. This means, of course, that Lent isn't only about giving up things. It's also about adding things, God-things.

- Having given up junk food for a healthy diet, what will you do with the energy you gain?
- Having given up reading magazines, what will you read now?
- Having given up Facebook, to whom will you devote meaningful conversation?
- Having given up lunch, how will you rely on God for the strength of "food from heaven"?
- Having given up TV as a default activity, how will you use that time to cultivate quality family time?
- Having given up isolation, how will you immerse yourself in community?
- Having given up shopping, will you see those who need clothing in your city?
- Having sacrificed whatever form of selfishness you indulge; how will you meet the needs of others?



The practice of giving something up for Lent is a way of entering into the wilderness with Jesus. Don't worry about whether your sacrifice is a good one. It's not a contest. Just make your aim to know Christ more fully, and trust him to lead you. Seek to replace that thing with devotion to Christ—his Word and his mission. God may lead

you to give up and take up more as you go. That's good. Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Consecration to Our Lady for all active and auxiliary members on Sunday, March 26th starting at 3:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 3501 Finch Ave. East (at Birchmount).



Good Friday Procession

Friday, April 07, 2023

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto

Following a tradition that goes back to 1962, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding the annual Good Friday Procession. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the procession. To volunteer, register online at stfrancis.ca.

PHONE: 416-536-8195



GOOD
FRIDAY

"Mass Alive. Yes, Mass Really Alive!"

Monday, March 27, 2023 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection open to men and women. When we Catholics want to pray together, we go to Mass. But the Mass can become so routine, it can become boring. What happens at Mass that could make us choose to want to go again and again? Come and reflect on how the Mass could stay fresh, relevant, and nourishing for us. Facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program.

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Our parish goal this year is \$120,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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