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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- DIVINE MERCEY – APRIL 16, 2023

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April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Woon Yin Wong †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Cayetano Gene Manago †  
Thurs. Noon – Teresa Fung-Poon †  
Fri. 8:30 am – Siu Family Special Intention  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Kathleen Ross Waugh †

## READINGS FOR – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24.13-35



## 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).



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## ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Saturday, April 29 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Church

A celebration Mass to commemorate the past and honour the present members of Police Services, Fire Services, Paramedic Services and the Canadian Armed Forces. Social and refreshments after Mass. Contact Henry Tang for more info at 416-464-8215.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*Eight days later, Jesus came.*



"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11.1). This was the challenge Thomas faced: he did not believe the Apostles' report that Jesus appeared to them on Easter evening. He demanded proof by putting his hands into Jesus' wounds. However, Thomas was with them when Jesus next appeared among them, and Jesus invited Thomas to touch him to prove that he had physically risen from the dead. Thomas did not, instead simply professing his belief in "my Lord and my God." Still, Thomas needed to see Jesus before he believed, earning him the nickname "Doubting Thomas." In contrast, Jesus commends those, like us, who believe without having seen the risen Jesus. The author then tells us that the purpose of the entire Gospel was so that we would believe Jesus is the Christ and "have life in his name."

Are you a doubter among believers or a believer who doubts? This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us. We celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection in every Eucharist. Each of us must decide whether we also live out its effects in our daily lives. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Yes, lean on those whose faith can carry you through. But pray for the grace to overcome doubts. The Lord is inviting you to trust him- in all and with all. Believe!





Students from the Parish will receive the Sacramental graces of Confirmation this Sunday afternoon. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmandi are invited to share more deeply in the grace received at Baptism. They are strengthened in their faith and fully take their place as members of the Church. Pope Paul VI explained: "The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life." Let us rejoice with the Confirmandi, their parents and guests as we celebrate this beautiful Sacrament.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Italian Cuisine Night Monday April 17

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 \$20.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members.

## CWL FUNDRAISER APRIL 29 – APRIL 30

A lovely selection of gifts will be on sale in the Parish Hall on the above noted weekend after all Masses. This fundraiser is being sponsored by the Catholic Women's League through the kindness of Prudence Gonsalves. Payment by cash only.



## Regional Mass Of Welcome for Arch. Francis Leo

Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM



St. Isaac Jogues Parish  
1148 Finch Ave, Pickering

A regional Mass of Welcome will take place in each region of the Archdiocese, providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to welcome Archbishop Leo to the archdiocese.

**For more information:**

<https://bit.ly/ArchbishopLeoRegionalMass>

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Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$17,000.00 toward our goal of \$120,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for your support!**

## Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save any gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. Please check out the bulletin board for more information.




Much thanks and gratitude to Catherine Ger and Decorating Committee for all their hard work and dedication keeping the church perfectly decorated.

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