

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 7, 2023



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

It is easy to find ourselves lost in these ever-troubled times. There are so many voices about, pulling us in different directions. It is easy to lose our way, be confused about the right course of action and doubt our sense of purpose as Christians. In today's Gospel, Jesus hears a similar confusion, coming from the apostles themselves, who should know better than anyone. Despite all that they have experienced and all that they have heard, Thomas and Philip are still confronted by feelings of uncertainty and doubt, even given all that Jesus has said and all his life exemplifies. But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance. Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11 :33).

May 9th – May 13th

Tues. 8:30 am – Joanne Lasita †
Wed. 8:30 am – John Weber Sp. Int.
Thurs. Noon – Adriana Palermo †
Fri. 8:30 am – Margaret Bouchat †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Herculano Ayres Mascarenhas †

READINGS FOR – May 14th

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18
Gospel: John 14.15-21



PAPAL CHARITIES

Second Collection May 14th



This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the universal Church.



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The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.

Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! May 20th and May 21st

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 the bulletin board for more information.



CWL FUNDRAISER

MACGREGORS MEAT&SEAFOOD

Thank you to all who placed an order for products from MacGregor Meat & Seafood. Delivery of orders will be on May 17th, 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring your own bags for your purchase. The CWL is so pleased with the overwhelming amount of interest in this fundraiser that made it a huge success.

Toronto Serra Clubs

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Director, Arch. of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



St. Barnabas Parish Summer Kingdom Camp

Monday, July 10, 2023 09:00 AM TO
Friday, July 21, 2023 05:00 PM

30 Washburn Way, Scarborough, ON, M1B 1H3

St. Barnabas Parish is offering Kingdom Camp this summer for grades 1 through 8. Activities include arts and crafts, drama, sports, swimming, team building, leadership, daily Mass and catechesis. Early bird price is \$150 and regular price is \$175. Sibling discount of \$20 and multi-week discount of \$25.

Week 1: July 10-14


Week 2: July 17-21

For more info and to register, visit <https://stbarnabasmedia.wixsite.com/kingdom-camp-2023>



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS


GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES
Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (May 13&14). 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. 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.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Next weekend (May 13&14) 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.



MAY 20 AND 21

The CWL 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.



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