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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Feb. 20th – Feb. 24th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Ignatius Kwan †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Theresa Quigley †

Thurs. Noon – Mary Cassar †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Special Intention

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Special Intention

READINGS FOR – February 25th

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

Gospel: 9.2-10



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.



The Stations of the Cross

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Jesus was “tempted by Satan.”

Every Lent, the same Holy Spirit whom drove Jesus into the desert wants to drive us into the desert in order to renew and deepen our relationship with God. While God is not calling us all physically to go to the Sahara Desert, he is calling us to remove ourselves from the distractions of life, so that in doing so, we can clearly hear and see him. The three temptations in the Gospel are temptations that every one of us faces. Learning how Jesus responds to them, we learn how to respond to them in our own lives.

In the first temptation, the devil disordered our relationship with God the Father. The devil seeks to tempt us to tempt God. Jesus shows that the proper response is never to put the Lord our God to the test, but to love him and throw ourselves into his arms. In the second temptation, the devil disordered our relationships with others. The devil promised that he would give Jesus’ rule over all the cities, if only he would take the bargain of falling down before the devil in worship. Jesus resisted the temptation by quoting Scripture about worshipping and serving the Lord our God alone.

In the final temptation, the devil disordered our relationship with ourselves, using what God has given us for our own purposes rather than for God and others. This is shown in the temptation the devil gave to Jesus to change stones into bread after forty days of hunger. Jesus replied that we live not on bread alone but on every word that comes from God’s mouth.

Now is the time to take these words of Christ to heart. He is asking each one of us today, to repent and to believe the gospel, that is, to act according to its teaching. Christ, in his mercy, will make this appeal to men again and again, but will we be here to hear it? If we answer his appeal now and start living our Christian faith in all sincerity, we need not care when death calls us. It will find us ready to pass over to the future, happy, unending life.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Thursday, February 22

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Navigating the Health Care System

Zoom Presentation by

Juanita Butler, CHATS Caregiver Counsellor

Topics include: Being a Patient in Ontario, What is Continuity Care, Communicating with your Doctor and much more.

To register email Viola at

vathaide@rogers.com



**2024 LIFT
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Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

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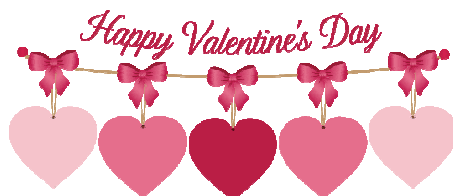
**The theme of this year's rally is
"TAKE HEART: By His Wounds We
Are Healed."**

Featuring: Compelling Speakers: Fr. Mathias Thelen, Peter Herbeck, Debbie Herbeck and Fr. Alex Colautti; Holy Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo; Youth Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig at a separate adjacent youth event (13-18 years). Powerful Praise & Worship Music, Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment and so much more. Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at our Website: www.ljhr.ca

COST: \$30 for Adult and \$15 for Youth
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ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Webinar

Saturday, February 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Join this free webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team, Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee Selection
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

Email: development@archtoronto.org to register. Please include 'webinar February 24' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message.



15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2024

09:00 AM - 04:15 PM

Old Mill - 21 Old Mill, Toronto

(includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by
His Eminence Cardinal Collins

Speakers:

Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God

Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer

Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)

Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group

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