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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 – FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Feb. 27th – March 2nd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Gulzar Dharsee †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Peter Gannon †

Thurs. Noon – Sr. Antoinette Coutinho †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Ayda Kesisyan †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Kevin D'Mello †

READINGS FOR – March 3rd

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 1.18, 22-25++

Gospel: John 2.13-25



FIRST FRIDAY

March 1st

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

The Stations of the Cross

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



There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent.

During this time, we can draw closer to God through prayer as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. As much as we consider something to abstain from during Lent, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This is my Son, The Beloved; listen to Him."

In today's gospel reading, Peter, James and John are taken up a high mountain by Jesus, and there they have an experience of Jesus which took their breath away. It was an experience that was so precious that Peter could not let it go. He and the other two disciples had a fleeting glimpse of the heavenly beauty of Christ, and did not want to let go of it.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon. It is for a similar reason that the Church orders this story of the Transfiguration to be read to us during this season of Lent. We are or should be mortifying ourselves during this season. This mortification can earn for us a glorious and unending future life. To encourage us to continue it, we are reminded that the One we are following, the One whose voice we listen to, is none other than the Son of God. There are the voices of many false prophets shouting around us, telling us to enjoy ourselves in this life, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die," but there is the rub—tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then? Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Savior is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him. When we are tempted to give way to our human weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of our glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross for our sakes. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

2024 LIFT

JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

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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

REGISTER: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com



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.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.



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