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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

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# ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 12, 2024



## May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Fernandes/D'Souza †  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Herculano Mascarenhas †  
Thurs. Noon – Barry Ngan †  
Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Lancaster Carvalho †  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Elvera Lamie †

## READINGS FOR – May 19<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corin. 12.3b-7, 12-13  
Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.12-15



## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass). May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and the month of flowers. Let us honour and venerate Our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her intentions and the intentions of our Church.



The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a \$3000 scholarship. This scholarship is

open to any female student who is of Catholic faith completing her secondary school education and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2024. For more information, please contact Marie Gennaro CWL President at 647-291-6534.



Here we are on this special day in which we honour our mothers in the congregation once again, and we would like to take a few moments to share the following prayer and recognition.

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we ask you to bless all Mothers today. Bless them with the wisdom, courage, patience, and above-all, love that they need to perform the holy work of raising children and being a source of love and support for them. May every mother feel today, the pride and beauty of the family they bear. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. Please welcome into your Heavenly Kingdom those mothers who have passed and grant them everlasting joy, rest and serenity. Amen

## World Communications Day May 12

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (radio, television, newspapers) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



## The Word This Week

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”*

On this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the Church pays close attention to communication in our world and encourages us to spread the good news of God’s saving grace, revealed in Jesus and made present through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The accounts of the ascension in both Acts and Mark entrust us, as Jesus himself entrusted the eleven, to share the good news. The sacraments equip us wonderfully for the task of witnessing to the “whole creation.” In Baptism, we became light to the world. In Confirmation, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower us to be the Christ-bearers of unity. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are nourished and strengthened for our mission.

Jesus is the benchmark for all of our communications. Following his example, may our lives communicate God’s love and mercy and be a sign of hope to the world.



### **PENTECOST TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Tuesday May 14th 7:00 p.m.**

As we prepare for Pentecost, all are invited to a Taize Prayer experience to encounter silence and God’s presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.

### **Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</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.



### **Ministry with Maturing Adults MINI MORNING**

**RETREAT AT MANRESA**

**2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

### **“SEEING WITH NEW EYES IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE”**

Morning Schedule:

9:30 Arrival

9:45 Welcome and Music in the Chapel

10:00 Topic Reflection

10:30 Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Time to wander the grounds – Labyrinth, Rosary Lane

11:30 Mass and Homily - Fr. Henk van Meijel

12:00 Depart. You can stay longer for private prayer and reflection

Registration Required: Viola Athaide  
vathaide@rogers.com

Suggested Offering: \$5.00 per person

### **MAY 18 & 19**

The Knights of Columbus 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.



### **CWL MONTHLY MEETING**

The CWL would like to invite all the women of the parish to attend our upcoming meeting on Monday, May 27th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Deacon James Shaughnessy. His topic: "The Practice of the Presence of God, Abandonment to Divine Providence and Creating Holy Moments."

### **MCGREGOR ORDERS**

Delivery of orders will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring your own bags for your purchase.



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