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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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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – NOV. 24, 2024



Nov. 26th – Nov. 30th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Yam Family †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Protection of the Unborn

Thurs. Noon - In Thanksgiving – So Family

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Delia Freixa †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Maria D’Souza – Sp. Int.

READINGS FOR – Dec. 1st

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday December 3rd

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

As we prepare for Advent, join us to pray, read scripture, sing and meditate in silence and God’s presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION

FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting **grocery store gift cards** after each Mass until December 15th. For those who are not able to purchase gift cards your cash donation will be accepted. We kindly ask for \$25.00 denomination. As we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need our assistance through the holidays. **Please place your cards or donation into the gift card basket at the back of the church that will be attended by a member of the Knights.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

THE SHEPHERD’S TRUST COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who donated to The Shepherd’s Trust Collection. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our elderly and disabled priests.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“My kingdom is not from this world.”

In today’s Gospel the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of Earth clash. Although Pilate is not a king, he is representative of the most powerful kin the world, Ceasar. When Pilate was talking with Jesus and deciding whether or not to condemn Jesus to death, Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingship and Jesus admitted that he was a king but that his kingdom was not of this world. Long before, he had foreseen this death and had accepted it as part of his Father’s plan for making atonement for the sins of mankind. He knew Pilate did not believe that he was the leader of a rebellion against the Roman authorities, but he did not try to influence Pilate’s decision in his favor for he wanted the will of his Father carried out to the letter.

In honoring Christ today as our King, let us especially thank him for all the humiliations and sufferings he endured on our behalf. If our Christian way of living makes some demands on us let us not forget how trivial they are when compared with what Christ’s earthly life cost him. He made these severe sacrifices for us; we are asked to make our small offerings for ourselves. Our self-interest alone should inspire us, but our gratitude to Christ should especially move us to play our part. Let us promise to be grateful and loyal subjects of his for the rest of our days. He has made us members of his kingdom on earth—the Church—and is preparing a place for us in his everlasting kingdom. Let no one be so foolish as to forfeit an eternal happiness because of some earthly attachment to the passing things of this world.

His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who “serve his God and Father”. We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

BOOK BARROW



The Legion of Mary’s Book Barrow will run after all Masses Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

MILK BAG COLLECTION



The CWL is on a mission and needs your help to collect outer milk bags. These bags will be woven together by Luke 4:18 Committee at St. Monica Catholic School to create sleeping mats and pillows. Once completed they will be delivered to Dr. Simone's warehouse (Canadian Food for Children-CFFC) in Mississauga and distributed to the world's most impoverished communities. By reusing milk bags, you play a vital role in reducing environmental waste while also providing essential protection against moisture, bugs, lice, insects and snakes for those in need. Each mat requires 300 to 500 milk bags and sleeps five people. Let's work together to make a difference! Please remember to WASH, DRY AND FLATTEN the milk bags before placing them in the bin the foyer. Your contribution matters. Thank you for your support.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) work towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. During the coming months, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and International stamps as well as any stamp collections earmarked for a good cause and a new home. Effect Hope sells these to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than 1/4" and no more than 1/2" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table. Thank you for your support!



POINSETTIAS

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December 1st. Your orders will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 14th and 15th after all Masses. A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

The last weekend to use the current Sunday Missal is November 23rd/24th. If you would like to purchase a 2024/2025 Missal, they will be available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

Boxed sets for 2025 envelopes are ready for distribution. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form. Some parishioners have been assigned a new number. Please do not use 2025 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



**St. Michael's Choir School
Presents "GLORIA!"
December 14, 2024
09:00 P.M.**



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**NOVEMBER 23rd
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 24th
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Our Christmas Bazaar is bigger and better than ever! You will find Christmas ornaments, wreaths, candles, chocolate, sauces, knitted sweaters and hats, gift baskets, scarves, jewellery, a silent auction, a raffle, and more. Come visit the parish hall for all your Christmas gift shopping.

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