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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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEB. 2, 2025



Feb. 4th – Feb. 8th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Royden Richards ♥ Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Helen D'Souza Sp. Int. Thurs. Noon - Jean-Luc Zufferey ♥ Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Olga Montenegro 🕆 Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Celia Manning ♥

READINGS FOR - Feb. 9th

1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8 2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 15.1-11





FIRST FRIDAY February 7th

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 fover if you can commit to a specific time.

REGIONAL JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATIONS

With 2025 being Jubilee Year of Hope, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated some parishes as pilgrimage sites and all are invited to plan a visit as a parish or as an individual in the coming months. There is a special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Leo on Tuesday February 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Padre Pio's Parish in Woodbridge. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass.

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel."

Forty days after Christmas, we are starting to see the light return. Forty days after Christmas, the liturgy circles us back to the heart of the Christmas mystery: "the life (who) was the light of all people."

Today's Gospel highlights the light-bearing work of the Holy Spirit, traditionally called "the light of life." "The Holy Spirit rested on Simeon ... revealed to him by the Spirit ... guided by the Spirit." Just as the Spirit rests on Jesus at his baptism, so the spirit rests on Simeon, enabling him to recognize and witness to Christ. Similarly, the Spirit rests on us in our baptism Similarly, when we celebrate and confirmation. Eucharist the Spirit transforms us, the Body of Christ, broken and emptied by last week's mission and sends us again into our dark, hungry, war-ravaged world as light and food and peace.

Simeon's witness is also warning: this mission has a steep price tag. It demands nothing short of complete self-surrender to the Spirit who empowers us to recognize and embrace Christ in our enemies and in those excluded by the Church or society. Filled with Christ's transforming love, we are now the burning flames: light, returning to our world.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Feb. 8/9). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Feb. 15th

& 16th. 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

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (Feb. 8/9) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.





Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri

Sunday, February 9, 2025 2:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

A special Mass to honour couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2025. You may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org

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TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2024 will be processed and mailed out by the **end of February**. All

donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

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The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior



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so that we can double check our records. Thank you.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at

St. Margaret Mary Parish February 15 9:00 am – 2:00 pm February 16 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

CONTACT: St. Margaret Mary Parish Office

PHONE: 905-851-2661

Day of Reflection
"How Does God Love Us"
February 24, 2025
09:00 a.m. - 03:30 p.m.

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In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius described two spiritual truths about God's unconditional love for us. This day of reflection will focus on these two spiritual truths as understood by Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ. Since the ultimate description of God is "Love," the day will enable us to know and experience the way the Trinity's Love is present in each one of us personally, in all of creation, and in the evolving universe. Facilitated by Fr. Bernie Carroll, SJ. The suggested offering is \$65 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break and talks.

REGISTER: Via email at

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Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women (50+) Thursday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Presentation by CHATS Michael Khalil, B.SC. PHM. "MANAGING PAIN IN SENIORS"

Topics you will learn about:

- Understanding Pain in Seniors
- Over the counter vs Prescriptions

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