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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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MAR. 16, 2025



March 18th – March 22nd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Teresa Quigley †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – †

Thurs. Noon - Carol Gonsalves †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Helen D'Souza †

READINGS FOR – March 23rd

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinth. 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9



The Stations of the Cross

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

SL ShareLife

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Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

SHARE LIFE SUNDAY IS MARCH 30TH

THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"They saw ... Moses and Elijah,
talking to Jesus. They appeared in
glory."*

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

It is for this same reason that this all-important event in the life of Christ and of his Apostles has been preserved for us in the Gospels and is put before us today.

Like the Apostles, we too, believe firmly in God. We too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

As our light and salvation, Jesus will give the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.



**GENTLE REMINDER
FIRST COMMUNION
CLASSES BEGIN ON
MARCH 22ND
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 am

Via Zoom

Topic: Finding God in SILENCE

Please email vathaide@rogers.com ASAP to register and get the Zoom link.

CWL General Meeting

March 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m., our meeting this month will be a Mini Retreat with a Lenten theme: "The Stations of the Cross". All ladies of the Parish are welcome.

Diaper Drive for Rose of Sharon March 29th and 30th

This Lent, the CWL is responding to the Church's request to help those in need.

We are kindly asking for donations of diapers for boys and girls, sizes 4 to 7. Also needed are items for the mothers, such as; face moisturizers, hand creams, body lotions, black mascaras, and fragrances. Drop off donations in the Parish Hall on the weekend of March 29th and 30th only. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



This Is Jesus: A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, April 11, 2025 07:30 PM

Sunday, April 13, 2025 7:30 PM

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*Not recommended for children under seven years of age.

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