



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 27, 2025



**Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Tuesday - Ignatius Kwan †  
Wednesday - Brendan Yeung  
Thursday - Chung/Szeto Family †  
Friday - Jim Howe †  
Saturday - Winston & Christina Ferguson †

**READINGS FOR – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19



## FIRST FRIDAY May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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.



### You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children.

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education and employment guidance.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife**

## The Word This Week

***“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God.’”***

This week the Gospel is chosen because it relates “what happened today” – eight days after Easter, Jesus comes again to his disciples. The story of Thomas’s doubt and faith leads us to think about our doubts and faith.

It may surprise and amaze us that the Apostles were so reluctant to believe that Christ had risen from the dead, to live forever in glory with his Father in heaven. But we must remember that during their two or three years with him they saw nothing in him but a mere man, one with divine powers, but yet a man; certain prophets of the Old Covenant had some such powers also. Christ had “emptied himself of his divine nature, and he had foretold his resurrection many times. But that he could be really God, as well as man, was something they could not then grasp, and if he was a mere man death had to be the end.

We can thank the Apostles and especially Thomas, the last to give in, that our faith in the resurrection and divine glorification of Christ is that much the stronger. Our Christianity which would have ended before the first Easter week had passed, if Christ had not risen in glory, spread rapidly to the then known world and is still spreading, because its author was none other than Christ “our Lord and our God.” How prophetic were the words of Gamaliel at the meeting of the Sanhedrin which tried to prevent the Apostles from preaching the new Christian faith: “If this plan or work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it.” (Acts 5: 38-39).



**Statement from Frank Cardinal Leo  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto  
Following the death of Pope Francis  
April 21, 2025**

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

**Day of Reflection & Prayer for  
the Bereaved  
Saturday, May 10, 2025  
09:30 AM - 05:00 PM  
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual  
Renewal Centre**

Day of Reflection & Prayer: "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. The suggested offering for this day is \$65 which includes morning coffee/tea & muffin on arrival, lunch and program. Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland.

Contact: Mary Hyland 905-647-0957

**Ministry with  
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**2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON  
Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**“BECOMING PILGRIMS OF HOPE AS  
WE GROW ‘YOUNGER’”**

Morning Schedule:

9:00 Register, Mix and Mingle  
9:30 Welcome and Music in the Chapel  
9:35 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

**Come and rest awhile in silence with Jesus**

Registration Required: Viola Athaide  
vathaide@rogers.com

Suggested Offering: \$5.00 per person

**Bundle Up  
For the Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul!**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

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.



Delivery date May 14<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot. Please bring your own bags.



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