



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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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 4, 2025



May 6th - May 10th

Tuesday - Helen D'Souza †
Wednesday - Francis Kwong †
Thursday - Joanne Lasita †
Friday - Odette Boutras †
Saturday - Ena Maher †

READINGS FOR – May 11th

1st Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52

2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10.27-30



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On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife
ShareLife Sunday May 4th**

MAY 17 & 18

The Legion of Mary 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.



The Word This Week

"Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish."

Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognize the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: "Come and have breakfast." We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection. God lovingly pursues us, calling us far beyond our own comfort zones to share the good news of salvation. We see this clearly in the life of the apostle Peter.

From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan the Savior had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven".

This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Jesus tells Peter to take care of the flock, prepare for difficult times and "follow me". Peter did that. Peter would be the new shepherd, he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church.

So today, all around the world, we are still responding to God's call, still daring to take risks in service to the proclamation of God's unending love. We are compelled to share the good news of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Alleluia!!

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 Maturing Adults

Retreat

**MINI MORNING
RETREAT AT
MANRESA**

**2325 Liverpool Road,
Pickering, ON**

Wednesday May 14th, 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 10th 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

May 11th 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.



TWELVE HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

A gentle reminder to all CWL ladies who committed one hour of prayer for palliative care on May 5th. Thank you for compassion and time.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION



**GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES**

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (May 10th/11th). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on May 17th & 18th. 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 (May 10/11) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



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