



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 11, 2025



## May 13<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>

- Tuesday - Maria Wong & Peter Ho †
- Wednesday - Madame Faria †
- Thursday - Herculano A. Mascarenhas †
- Friday - Lino Mendonca †
- Saturday - Paul Wigglesworth †

## READINGS FOR – May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14.21b-27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a
- Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++



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## Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation.

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God’s call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the Office of Vocations and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend St. Augustine's Seminary and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary where they learn to tend to the Lord’s vineyard and work for the salvation of souls.

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS May 11, 2025

World Day of Prayer is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes, especially for our diocese.

## The Word This Week

*“My sheep hear my voice.”*

This is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today’s Gospel: “I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.” This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

The call to be all for God is meant to grow day by day. The more we are faithful to his promptings to mature in grace, the more we become one with God. The more we thirst for God’s love, the more we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Walking with the Good Shepherd is walking in his grace, which will carry us through trial to triumph. Jesus has done that – he rose again, conquering sin and death, so that we could be with the Father. “I give them eternal life, and they will never parish.” Our Shepherd is saying today: Be with me, now and forever. Let us respond with joy: Yes, Lord. Here is my heart.

*“During the month of May we seek the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Hope, and ask her to help us see with the eyes of faith and devotion: the beauty and splendour of*



*God in our midst and in the world. I encourage you to take the time to get to know Our Lady better by reading about her, talking to her, seeking her help and celebrating with us on 31 May at Villanova College.”*

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo**



GOOD SHEPHERD  
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## CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on May 17/18. 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.

### 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.



Loving God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. In Jesus' name, Amen



### CWL MONTHLY MEETING Monday, May 12th at 7:00 pm

To our CWL members and all the ladies of the parish...please join us for 'High Tea' to celebrate members receiving service pins for their milestone years of service in the League. Don't forget to wear a Spring Hat for our contest! Come join us for some fun and fellowship!

### Martyrs' Shrine Spring Gala June 11, 2025

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St., Vaughan

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our 2025 Spring Gala: Pilgrims of Hope, in honour of the Jubilee Holy Year. The Shrine has been serving millions of pilgrims for the past hundred years and we are continuing to raise funds for the revitalization of our church and grounds. His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo, will join us for a unique and interactive evening as we journey to various pilgrim stations, learn about a variety of Shrine pilgrimages and sample appetizers from different countries. This immersive experience will conclude with an elegant dinner. Tickets are \$200.

WEBSITE: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala>

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### 2025 Jubilee Tour of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape Saturday, May 17, 2025 Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines Diocese

The 2025 Jubilee Tour of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape (Our National Madonna) is sponsored by the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape in Trois-Rivières, Québec, and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard, Pilgrimage Director.

The schedule which includes the dates and locations that the pilgrim statue will be visiting may be found here: <https://bit.ly/4cVifAM>

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this opportunity by visiting our national Madonna, venerate her pilgrim statue and BE BLESSED!

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