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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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – June 1, 2025



June 3rd – June 7th

Tuesday - †
 Wednesday - Joan Lookhong †
 Thursday - Helen & Manuel D'Souza †
 Friday - Luis Mendonça †
 Saturday - Giacomo Zeppieri †

READINGS FOR – June 8th

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinth. 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23



FIRST FRIDAY

June 6th



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.

World Communications Day June 1st

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (radio, television, newspapers) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



The Word This Week

“Go and teach all people my gospel.”

As did the apostles, today we turn our eyes towards the heavens as we ponder Christ's ascension. Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: “I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me.” The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

And so, we live, in a way with one foot in heaven the other on earth. Knowing the Risen One, we place our hope in an eternity of peace and joy. In the meantime, we do everything in our power to bring the reality of God's kingdom into our own world here and now. Like the apostles, we go forth today filled with joy to proclaim the Good News with our lives.

**PENTECOST TAIZE
PRAYER SERVICE
Tuesday June 3rd
7:00 p.m.**



As we prepare for Pentecost, all are invited to a Taizé Prayer service and social. Experience God's presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.

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CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (June 7/8). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on June 14/15. 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 (June 7/8) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



**FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE
PLANNING WEBINAR
VIA ZOOM**

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 9:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney, & Estate Planning, as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The estate planning team from the Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Cemeteries will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Catholic traditions around Wills, Cremation, Burial and Funeral

To Register email:

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Include: 'webinar June 7' in the subject line and provide the names of attendees in your message.

**Message from Cardinal Leo on the
Election of Pope Leo XIV**

"May the reign of our beloved Pope Leo XIV be marked by peace, communion, and a renewed commitment to carrying the saving message of Christ to all corners of the earth, reaching every heart, touching every life, strengthening every family. May he be a visible source of unity in the Catholic and Apostolic faith, and of communion for the entire Christian people. We call upon the powerful intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, to protect and inspire, comfort and assist the Vicar of Christ, our spiritual father, as he begins his Petrine ministry to build up the Kingdom of Christ, to the praise and glory of Almighty God and for the salvation of souls."





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