



# St. Michael's Messenger

APRIL 2025

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*Our mission: To raise joyful disciples of Jesus Christ to become apostles.*

## Lent / Easter 2025

As I write this, there is still more Lent ahead of us than behind us. Far from being a time we trudge through, a kind of forced and downtrodden march toward the distant joy of Easter, we could think of ourselves as blessed to have another opportunity to embrace and celebrate this season particularly dedicated to repentance. We might not typically think of Lent as a season of celebration, but if we use this time to strive to draw closer to God by confronting the reality of our own sin, we will undoubtedly see cause to celebrate God's redeeming action in our lives as it unfolds gradually in us over the 40 days.

Later this month we will gather for the most important celebrations of the Church's calendar year. The liturgies of Holy Week are profound remembrances of the most important events in the history of the universe. Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Friday of the Passion of the Lord, and the Easter Vigil are unique liturgies celebrated only once a year that focus our attention on our reason for hope, the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This series of events, especially Jesus' resurrection at Easter is the only reason for our hope in eternal life in union with God and all our loved ones who have gone before us.



May the quality of our celebration of Lent lead us to a most fruitful and joyous celebration of Easter.

*Father Patrick*

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**Weekday Mass Times: Mon, Tue and Fri 8:30 am, Wed 9:30 am. No Mass on Thursday mornings**

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 10 am**

**Spanish Mass every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1pm**

**Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 or call the parish office to make an appointment.**

## COFFEE SUNDAY is APRIL 6TH



**Join us after 10am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 20th after 10 am mass. Weather permitting it will be held outside*



## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



When first asked by Father Patrick to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, I felt truly unworthy. Who was I to be holding the Body of Christ? It was not until my first time serving and I witnessed the look in people's eyes as they received Communion – such faith, such longing for Jesus - did I realize that it wasn't about me; it was about Him. Holding the **consecrated host**, one experiences a deep awareness that **Jesus is truly present**, a realization of the

boundless gift of **His self-giving love**, and in that moment, you become a means of His grace. An overwhelming mix of emotions comes over me at this time - **honour, humility, joy, a deep sense of duty**, and yes, **an awe and all-encompassing love for God**.

As Extraordinary Ministers, we seek to deepen our faith and understanding of the Eucharist and in so doing help communicants recognize the Eucharist as the **true presence of Christ**. The immense reverence and prayerful service we manifest remind them that receiving is not just a ritual but a **sacred encounter** with Jesus. **Communicants should understand that the Eucharist nourishes the soul, strengthens faith, and unites us with Christ and Church**. They must receive with **reverence, in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, and with faith in God's grace**.

A profound sense of peace and joy accompanies this ministry as one brings Jesus to others in a deeply personal way. In those moments, you become a bridge between heaven and earth, participating in God's divine work – a true blessing!

*Grace Stewart*



### Alpha continues...

Please pray for our Guests and Alpha team as they continue their journey in faith together on Wednesday evenings and the **Alpha Weekend on April 25 & 26**

*Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:53-54*

For prayer requests or any ideas for our next newsletter please contact Hospitality Ministry at [vassallorobray@gmail.com](mailto:vassallorobray@gmail.com)

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>For daily mass intentions please consult our website <a href="http://stmichaelfe.com">stmichaelfe.com</a></i>		<b>1</b> Mass 8:30am	<b>2</b> Mass 9:30am <i>Saint Francis of Paola</i> Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	<b>3</b> NO MORNING MASS Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	<b>4</b> Mass 8:30am Holy hour 9am <i>Saint Isidore</i> Stations of the Cross 7pm /Mass 7:30pm	<b>5</b> <i>Saint Vicent Ferrer</i> Confessions Day of Reconciliation 10am - 2:00pm Mass 5:00pm
<b>6</b> Mass 10:00am Coffee Sunday 😊	<b>7</b> Mass 8:30am <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i>	<b>8</b> Mass 8:30am K of C 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	<b>9</b> Mass 9:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	<b>10</b> NO MORNING MASS Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	<b>11</b> Mass 8:30am <i>St Stanislaus</i> Stations of the Cross 7pm /Mass 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1pm	<b>14</b> Mass 8:30am CWL 2:00pm Hospitality Rm	<b>15</b> Mass 8:30am	<b>16</b> Mass 9:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	<b>17</b> Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass 7pm Adoration 8pm - 7am Parish Hall	<b>18</b> Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	<b>19</b> EASTER VIGIL Mass 8:30pm
<b>20</b> EASTER SUNDAY Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1pm	<b>21</b> Easter Monday Mass 8:30am Newsletter submissions due	<b>22</b> Mass 8:30am	<b>23</b> Mass 9:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	<b>24</b> NO MORNING MASS SVDP 10:00 am Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	<b>25</b> Mass 8:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Hospitality Rm and Parish Hall	<b>26</b> Alpha Weekend Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
<b>27</b> Mass 10:00 am Spanish Mass 1pm	<b>28</b> Mass 8:30am <i>St. Peter Chanel</i> <i>St Louis Grignon of Montfort</i>	<b>29</b> Mass 8:30am <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	<b>30</b> Mass 9:30am <i>St Marie of the Incarnation</i> Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall			

Prayer Requests: Bernadette, Peggy, James Pautler, Frank, Alaura, Pat Fleming, Joey Brancato, Marylou



Deschamps, James McCarthy, Brian Murphy, Judie Ann Lalgie, Rachel Jessop, Daniel Duggan, Patty Boychuk, Geoff, Steve Lo – Stracco, Ann Marie Flake, Don, Janet Pierce, Betty Ann Schnicks, Bernice Schnicks, Josh Deschamps, Angela, Vilma, Stan Waszynski, Jerry Grey, Walt, Derek, Tina, Pat Schneider and Noreen Smith

### Ministries and Parish Groups

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality, Liturgical Environment, Children's Liturgy, Circle of Life Ministry, Prayer Warriors, St Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Praise and Worship Musicians with Choir, Alpha, Connect Group, Catholic Christian Outreach. For information about how to become involved contact the parish office 905-871-0692 or visit our website [stmichaelfe.com](http://stmichaelfe.com)



Reminder! Donations to the **Personal Products Bank** are always welcome!

Most needed items are TOILET PAPER, LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP, HAND SOAP, WASH CLOTHS and ANTIPERSPIRANT.

*Thank you for your continued support of our neighbours most in need!*



The ladies of St. Michael's CWL wish to thank everyone who made goodies or bought or donated in any way to our bake sale. Thanks to you all it was a resounding success!