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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.

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 3



December 5th to December 9th

Tues. 8:30 am – Betsy Abarquez †
Wed. 8:30 am – Thanksgiving (Marina Leung)
Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Francis Kwong †
Fri. 8:30 am – Irene M. Y. Li †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Thanksgiving
(John & Sylvia Lee & Family) †

Readings: December 10th



1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

ENVELOPES ARE IN THE HALL:



Please pick up your box of envelopes. All envelope numbers over 600 have been reassigned. Please note that other numbers may also be reassigned.

NEXT WEEK 2nd COLLECTION:



Flowers for Christmas Offering

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT
& PAGEANT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
3 P.M. in the Church

All are welcome.
Please join us in the Parish Hall
for light refreshments
after the concert.

HAPPY ADVENT SEASON!

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.



In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people...in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel.

No matter how far we have strayed, Jesus will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and Penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning—repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel—to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

– Excerpts from Scott Hahn

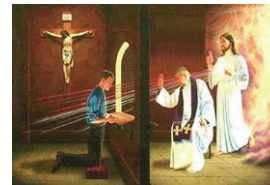
DAY OF CONFESSION: TUESDAY,

DECEMBER 19th

TIMES: 9am-11:30am

1pm-3pm

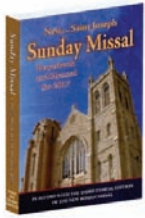
7pm-9pm



This Advent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confession. Here at Good Shepherd, a priest will be available to hear your confession on Tuesday, December 19th, from 9am-11:30am, 1pm-3pm, and 7pm-9pm. This sacrament is also available every Saturday before Mass. Visit www.archtoronto.org/confession to find confession times at various churches across Toronto. To aid in understanding the sacrament, here is a link to a moving video on Confession by Dr. Scott Hahn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GCLa9ducvQ>

Advent Challenge: This Advent we are asking our parishioners to perform one act of kindness each day.

**FOR SALE...LAST CALL FOR
2018 SUNDAY MISSALS:**



Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the back of the church for \$5. Plant the seed of faith - please consider purchasing and gifting a missal to someone you know that needs God in their life.



2018 CALENDARS

Calendars available for purchase for \$1. Proceeds from their sale are used to support the

Missionaries and the wonderful work that they do at home and abroad.



POINSETTIAS will be available to be picked up next weekend, December 9th and 10th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR



During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR."

Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.

"FEED MY LAMBS":



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of December 16th and 17th.

Community Service Project



Next weekend, the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank

you for your support of this project.

Christians should show on their faces that they are redeemed, or no one will believe in their Redeemer. — Source unknown



**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
AND BAZAAR: December 2nd
and 3rd**

The ladies of the CWL will be holding a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale after all the Masses this weekend. You can buy delicious baked treats on Saturday, December 2nd starting at 2:30pm and on Sunday, December 3rd after all Masses. There will be gifts to purchase for everyone on your list. We would be happy to receive donations of baked goods from all members of the parish. Donations can be dropped off after 2:00 pm on Saturday and before the Masses on Sunday.

THE LEPROSY MISSION CANADA:



Please drop off your foreign stamps and special commemorative issues of Canadian and American postage stamps in the white bin on the

cabinet in our foyer. Postcards or entire envelopes dated prior to 1950 are accepted. **Last year, donors helped cure over 30 people.** Thank you for helping to make this possible.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION
FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE:**

December 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th



The Social Outreach Committee will be collecting Food Basics/No Frills/Walmart gift cards after all Masses this weekend and the next. **Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the**

church. You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION:



1-855-675-8749 is a 24hr confidential, free helpline for people who have concerns about euthanasia, assisted suicide or end-of-life treatment issues.

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