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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 10



December 12th to December 16th

Tues. 8:30 am – Michael Ngai †
Wed. 8:30 am – George Mar †
Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) –
Winston & Effie Ferguson †
Fri. 8:30 am – Gary Szeto †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Esdras Mendez †

Readings: December 17th



1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



ENVELOPES ARE IN THE HALL:

Please pick up your box of envelopes. All envelope numbers over 600 have been reassigned.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION:



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WISHING YOU A BLESSED ADVENT



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Our God is coming. The time of exile – the long separation of humankind from God due to sin – is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

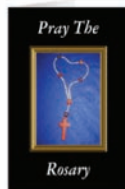
Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God – the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has done all this, not for humanity in the abstract, but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives, so that everything we do leads us to Him. Today, let us hear the beginning of the gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

– Excerpts from Scott Hahn

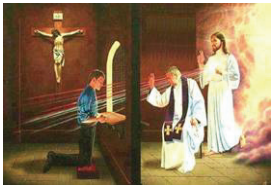
THE ROSARY: As part of our Advent Celebrations, the Rosary is being recited each Saturday at 4:10 pm before Mass. Praying the rosary brings many graces into our lives. We invite all parishioners to participate.



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

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.

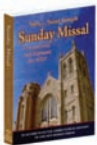
CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE: DECEMBER 9th AND 10th



The Social Outreach Committee will be collecting Food Basics/ No Frills/ Walmart gift cards after all Masses this weekend. **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.

FOR SALE...



SUNDAY MISSALS are available for purchase at the back of the church for \$5.



2018 CALENDARS

Calendars are available for **FREE**.

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.

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle.

– Philo of Alexandria

"FEED MY LAMBS":



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

Community Service Project



This 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.

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th AT 7PM



Ladies of the CWL are invited to our annual Wine and Cheese Christmas Party (Meeting) on Monday, December 11th beginning with Mass at 7pm.

Please plan to join us.



THANK YOU!

The Ladies of the CWL would like to express their sincere thanks to the parishioners who so generously supported our Christmas bake sale and bazaar last weekend. The quality and variety of the baked goods donated was exceptional. If you baked, bought, or if you did both, a huge thank you! Thanks also who supported the knitted goods, Christmas boutiques and gifts as well. Your support is very much appreciated.

RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to all raffle winners!

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