



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

Deacons: Michael Gennaro
James Shaughnessy

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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 7TH



January 9th to 13th

Tues. 8:30 am –

Jean-Luc Zufferey †

Wed. 8:30 am – Karl Joseph O'Connor †

Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Edmond Wong †

Fri. 8:30 am – Jennie Ng †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Margaret Fung †

Readings: Sunday, January 14th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42



SCRIPTURE STUDY: *David the King*

6 Week Video Course

Start date: **Tuesday, February 13th**

Registration: February 3rd/4th

after all Masses



In a special way, **Bishop Barron** weaves together salvation history by linking King David back to Adam, the first king, and forward to Jesus Christ, the eternal King of kings. Learn more about David, the unlikely successor to Saul, and a “man after God’s own heart.”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: THANK YOU!



The Knights of Columbus, Good Shepherd Council 8340 would like to thank the parishioners for their donations to feed the poor at “Good Shepherd Ministries.”

The Knights of Columbus received donations of \$170.01 earlier in 2017, then another \$1,124.05 from the Christmas drive for “Protein for the Poor.” For the year 2017, the Knights of Columbus sent cheques totaling \$1,294.06 on the behalf of the Parishioners of Good Shepherd Church to feed the poor at Good Shepherd Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who donated Frozen Casseroles. During 2017, the parish Community made and donated 635 Casseroles, average of approximately 53 each month. The total is 3,828 lbs or 6,350 meals for the less fortunate at the Good Shepherd Mission.



As we look back on our Christmas celebrations I would like to offer our appreciation to all those who made extra contributions to enhance our many liturgies. We thank Catherine Ger and the Decorating Committee and the Knights of Columbus who worked to beautify our church, the Liturgical Ministries – Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir Directors, all our Choir Members, and the volunteers and participants of our Children's Pageant on December 10th.

At this time, Deacon Michael Gennaro, Deacon James Shaughnessy and I would like to wish each and every one of you all the very best for a most Holy and Happy New Year. May it continue to call us into a deeper union with our God and one another within the family of Good Shepherd Parish.

Peace,

Father Anthony



FEED THE HUNGRY:

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of January 20th/21st.



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.

CATHOLICS MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:

Couples married civilly or in other denominational churches are urged to contact Fr. Anthony about the possibility of having their marriages blessed by the Church.



MOVIE NIGHT:



“John of the Cross”

Join us on Friday, January 12th at 7:00 pm

St. John of the Cross helped Teresa of Avila to renew the Carmelite order in Spain. Kidnapped by his own religious brothers and imprisoned, he composed his mystical poem “The Spiritual Canticle.”

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:



Kindergarten registration begins January 8, 2018 in all York Catholic Elementary schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, please visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

JANUARY 12th-14th



A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier, the forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (January 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (January 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic. The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt. They have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552.

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing away.
God never changes.

– St. Teresa of Avila

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Deacon James, Deacon Michael and myself, I want to thank all of you for your many kindnesses over the past year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts.

I am blessed to be your pastor, and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for the deacons and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2018.

Father Anthony



GIFT CARDS: THANK YOU!



Good Shepherd Parish Social Outreach Ministry and the Catholic Woman's League would like to thank all the very generous parishioners who participated in our "Christmas Tree of Love" adventure. You did so very well! 157 gift cards were returned totalling \$4450. 13 families and individuals were the recipients of your kindness. You have helped to nourish this community with joy, peace and love during the beautiful season of Christmas.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please print your name and address on your offertory envelopes for the first few weeks so that we can double check our records.



TAX RECEIPTS:



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