

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor 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.

Parish Schools

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816 For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or *www.tcdsb.org* or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or *www.ycdsb.ca*

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 21st



January 23rdto 27th Tues. 8:30 am –

Margrith Zufferey ♥

Wed. 8:30 am – Rose Ambas ♥ Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Joseph & Georgette Assal ♥

Fri. 8:30 am – Sat. 4:30 pm – Teresa Sun ₽

Readings: Sunday, January 28th



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21 - 28

2019 MASS INTENTIONS:



The 2019 Mass book is now available. If you would like to book a Mass please visit the office. The suggested donation for an announced Mass is \$20. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is read at the start of Mass and also printed

in the bulletin. The suggested donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Please note that Mass offerings are not tax deductible.

TAX RECEIPTS:



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1^{st} - December 31^{st} , 2017 will be available by the **end of February**. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a

self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2018 will count towards next year's tax receipt.)

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:



If you are you currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2018. PAG is administered by the

Archdiocese, and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer at the back of the church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:



Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can double check our records.

ATTENTION YOUTH:



We invite all Confirmed students to join us after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 28th for lunch and to find out more regarding our new youth

initiative. For more information, please contact Michael Masci at : <u>flock.gsp@gmail.com</u>

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."

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



CELEBRATION: Sunday, January 28th, 2018 at 3 pm Location: St. Paul's Basilica

The Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. We are

blessed to have more than 900 religious men and women from about 100 different congregations serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:



Sunday, January 28th at 3 pm Location: Metropolitan United Church-56 Queen St E

Come and join us for an ecumenical prayer service to pray for the unity of all Christians, led

by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina, and other citywide Christian church leaders. Refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome!

For more information please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 934-3400 ext. 344.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:



Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Productions at 1-800-268-2637.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE - MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS:



February 11, 2018 - 3 pm Location: Blessed Trinity Parish

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please join in this special celebration. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at: <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u> or by calling (416) 934-3400 ext. 523.

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION:



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

MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, February 9th at 7 pm "Miracle at Moreaux"



Based on the book *Twenty and Ten* by Claire Hutchet Bishop, this is the story

of three Jewish children fleeing from Nazi occupied France, who found refuge in a Catholic School run by Sister Gabrielle (Loretta Swit). All are welcome.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:



Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend

of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga)

For more information and application go to <u>www.wwme.org</u> or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at <u>gerard.marge@rogers.com</u> or (905) 792-1925.

COURAGE No one has to walk alone. With God's grace and human support, persons with same-sex attraction can follow Jesus Christ faithful to the spiritual and moral teachings of the Catholic faith, responding to the call to holiness and growing deeper in the spiritual life. Spiritual support and fellowship for Catholic men and women with same-sex attractions *Courage* is approved by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Visit <u>www.couragerc.org</u> or call (416) 928-5094.

"The time has come!"



We all have our own plans, our own dreams, our own hopes for the future. But sometimes these can become set in stone. It can become hard to conceive of different ways of

thinking. Our minds need to be open to hear God's word to us. And if that word is calling us to change direction, to change the way our lives are heading, to change the way we think and act, then we need to respond to it as the first disciples did.

