



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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.

## **Parish Schools**

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# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am – Raymond Reix †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Wed. 7:00 pm – Lucy Kwok †

Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Thanksgiving (Oliveira Family)

Fri. 8:30 am – Robert Bruce †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Ignatius Kwan †

## Readings: Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

## TAX RECEIPTS:



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 are now available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact the office at 905-881-1534.

## GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP (FLOCK):



Any youth interested in participating in the Passion Play please come to the meeting on Sunday February 18/18 after the 11:00 am mass in the hall.

## HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR –



**February 16, 2018**  
**Year of the Dog**

**Kung Hey Fat Choy!**

**Gong Xi Fa Coi!**

**Gung Ho Fat Choi!**

Regardless of how it is spelled, it carries heartfelt best wishes for a Happy New Year to our many Oriental parishioners who are such an integral part of our parish family.

FAST ✚ PRAY ✚ SHARE ✚ FAST ✚ PRAY ✚ SHARE

## LENT:



The Church begins this holy season by sprinkling ashes on the foreheads of all her children, to remind us that we are mortal, still engaged in the struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil, and that through tribulation and penance, we will win the glorious eternity promised in the Resurrection of our Lord!

**Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.**

Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm with ashes being distributed after both Masses.



**The Stations of the Cross:** will take place in the Church this Friday at 7:00 pm. Join us as we follow the path of Christ.

**The Rosary:** Join us at 4:10 pm each Saturday, preceding the afternoon Mass, as well as Monday through Friday at the completion of our daily Mass.



## LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY:



A reminder to all who **registered** for our study of the Lenten Scripture Course “Conversion”, that the first session will take place this Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



Rev. Michael Coutts, Jesuit, will join us as homilist for the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude with a Sunday evening Lenten Reflection service.

## WELCOME:



We are pleased to welcome **Ms. Ornella Vecchio** who joins our staff as the new Secretary / Parish Administrator, effective February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We look forward to working with Ornella, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

## THANK YOU!



Chalice thanks you all for your wonderful support last weekend. The lives of 31 children, elderly in most need and their families will be greatly improved. A special thanks also to Fr.

Anthony for his support for the poor. God bless you! Deacon Michael. [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:



Saturday, March 3, 2018  
9:00 to 5:30 pm.  
Metro Toronto Convention  
Centre, Toronto.

The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" (Like 12:40).

Want to be inspired? Looking for a spark to light your fire? Our speakers will change your life. From television hosts (EWTN), authors, award winning musicians, to highly educated theologians, these individuals will get you moving spiritually.

For further information check the bulletin board at the back of the church or contact [info@life-jesus-higher-rally.ca](mailto:info@life-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or call Catholic Renewal Ministries at 905-270-2510.

## REACH OUT TO YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT:



The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs](http://www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs) for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.



**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are major days of fasting and abstinence.

**Abstinence:** means refraining from eating meat and soup or gravy made from meat. Fish is allowed. Canon Law applies abstinence to all healthy adults and those who have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. Generally, we are urged to refrain from eating meat on all Fridays during the season on Lent.

**Partial Abstinence:** meat and soup or gravy may be eaten once a day as part of the principal meal.

**Fasting:** is the taking of only one full meal (which may include meat) and two smaller, meatless meals that don't equal the large one meal. No eating between meals, but water, milk, tea, coffee and juices are OK. Meat is allowed at one meal (assuming abstinence isn't also expected on a given day). Traditionally, everyone over 21 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast; but the present Code of Law sets the age of 18 and 59 as the limits.

## VOLUNTARY PENANCES –

### Lenten suggestions



... The best penance during Lent is daily participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and daily Holy Communion.

Instead of something given up ... something put in ... something that will take hold and stay with you for the rest of your lives – since Lent is about change / conversation. Remember that real penance is to live life well: to be the mercy and peace of God towards others.

Give something away every day. It could be money, but it doesn't have to be. A smile, a compliment or a helping hand, sometimes is more appreciated, more necessary, and harder to give.

And remember to say often: "All for you my Jesus; all for you!"

## LENTEN CONFESSIONS:



Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Bi-Annual day of reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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