

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 18th, 2018



February 20th to 24th

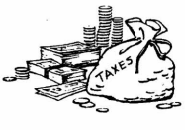
Tues. 8:30 am – Mark Williams †
Wed. 8:30 am – Emilia & Alberto Socci †
Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Thanksgiving (Oliveira Family) †
Fri. 8:30 am – Harry Shivers †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Alexander Todd †

Readings: Sunday, February 25th



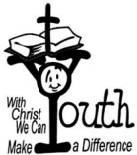
1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-2
9-13, 15-18
2nd Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37++
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

TAX RECEIPTS:



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 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):



Youth participating in the Passion Play will meet every Sunday after the 11:00 am mass in the hall.

WELCOME:



We are pleased to welcome **Miss Ornella Vecchio** who joined our staff as the new Secretary / Parish Administrator. Please drop into the office and say hello and get acquainted.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



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

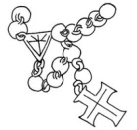
LENT:

Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.



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.



CONFESSIONS:



Forgive Us

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation which will be held on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018.

REFLECTION

Every Lent is a new beginning: sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

Believe in his Love

Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world: it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying "yes" to partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Pray, read the gospel every day, do something good for another every day – this is the way to share in the saving love of God. Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others rather than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time for renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives.

There is always someone in need...

For many of our clients, ShareLife represents a significant lifeline. ShareLife social service agencies respond to thousands of calls for help from people struggling with personal or family crisis. They serve the man living on the street, the woman sitting across the church pew, the family next door...it could be a stranger or someone close to your heart.

Together we are continuing to work wonders ...

“As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to ‘Live the Gospel,’ in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. Over the past forty years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies; as an Archdiocese we continue to demonstrate our Catholic commitment to serving the needs of the greater community and around the world.

A Legacy of Faith in Action This year, ShareLife celebrates 42 years of “Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.” During this time, our agencies have made a difference in millions of lives. By supporting ShareLife, we bring the hands of Christ to those in need, both locally and around the world.

ShareLife Sunday March 18, 2018
Please give generously.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:



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

The theme of this year’s rally is “Fire on the Earth” (Like 12:40).

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

RENEW TORONTO

Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults, aged 19-39. It is an opportunity to grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, young couples and families, men and women. Renew Toronto will take place at the Isabel Bader Theatre in Toronto on October 13, 2018.

Unite with one another to collectively RENEW our hearts, RENEW our call and RENEW our community.

Registration will open on March 1. Cost to attend is \$50 (early bird price for those who register on or before April 30); \$70 (regular price for those who register between May 1 and September 30); and there is an optional Friday night social for an additional \$30. Space is limited.

WEBSITE: <http://ocytoronto.org/renewto> EMAIL: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

PHONE: 416-599-7676

**MARRIAGE
PREPARTION COURSE**



Thursdays, April 5 to April 26 – 7 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 7 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Church
129 Metro Rd. North, Keswick

A doorway to the sacred, Catholic Marriage Preparation is a couple-centric program designed to walk couples through and understand the demands of a Catholic Church marriage today.

CONTACT: parish@immaculateconception.on.ca
PHONE: 905-476-0097 **COST:** \$100 per couple

VICE AND VIRTUE: LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 10 – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto (Ambrozic Room)

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Join the Seminary for a day to learn about “Vice and Virtue: Lenten Retreat.” Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel followed by lunch.

CONTACT: St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto
PHONE: 416-261-7207

EMAIL: ioft@sastoronto.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.staugustines.on.ca/>

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