

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25th, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS February 27th to March 3rd

Tues. 8:30 am –

Wed. 8:30 am – ☩

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

Fri. 8:30 am –

Sat. 4:30 pm – Elias & Marie Behlok ☩



Readings: Sunday March 3rd

1st Exodus 20.1-17

2nd Reading: Corinthians 1.18,22-25+

Gospel: John 2.13-25

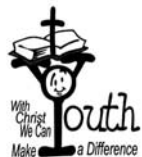
TAX RECEIPTS:



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.

MOVIE NIGHT:



“Passion of the Christ”

Join us on Friday, March 9th at 7:30 pm

This is the profound story of courage and sacrifice depicting the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus Christ.

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.

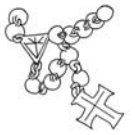
LENT:

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:



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

MESSAGE FROM TODAY'S READING:

A central focus of our Lenten journey is dealing with the tension between life and death. Like the disciples at the Transfiguration, we too try to reconcile death with the glory of God. We often ask what “rising from death” means. Occasionally we may have a dramatic “rising from death” experience when we, like Issac in our first reading, walk away from a near-to-death experience.

More commonly, though, it means rising above the despair, hardships and poverties that Saint Paul lists in his letter to the Romans. After weighing the troubles of life against the glory of God, Paul concludes: “In all these things we are more conquerors through him who loved us.”

But eventually for Jesus and for each one of us as baptized Christians, ‘rising from death’ means passing from this life to the next, to eternal joy in the nearer presence of God. It is this dying and rising again that we celebrate at every baptism, each confession and every time we gather around the altar to receive Christ at mass.

Like the Transfiguration, Holy Eucharist draws us into the Paschal Mystery. As we receive anew the blessed and broken body of Christ, let us resolve to live into this mystery of the Mercy of God.

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

“Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life,” shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, “The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors.” By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God’s call.

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.



Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary:

Friday, March 23, 2018 7:00 pm to Sunday,
March 25, 2018 1:30 pm
2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 23 (7 p.m.) to Sunday March 25 (1:30 p.m.) 2018, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 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 (Ambroziac 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.

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