

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 4, 2018



March 3rd to March 10th

Tues. 8:30 am - Otilia Lee †
Wed. 8:30 am - Raymond Reix †

Thurs. 12:00 (Noon) - Simon & Helen Leung
(Special Intention)

Fri. 8:30 am - Lamie Family (Special Intention)

Sat. 4:30 pm - Thomas Luk †

Readings: Sunday March 11th



1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a,
19-23++

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

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 (7:00 pm) Lenten Reflection service.

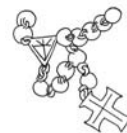
LENT:

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.



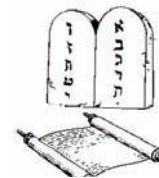
CONFESSIONS:



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:

Our Lenten journey is well underway. Is the enthusiasm with which we welcomed Ash Wednesday, at the start of a season of inner growth, flourishing? Or has it dimmed? Lent is the time to deepen our relationship with God. Has our progress been a source of delight to God? If not, it's never too late to begin!



Today's first reading reviews the Ten Commandments. God has expectations of us. Jesus later summarized the lot into two all-encompassing commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Are our relationships with others life-giving?

Today in John's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father's House" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are souls in need of spring-cleaning?

We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centred, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we!

2018 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL



Save the date!! **May 26 2018!!**
It's time for our community to get together and enjoy a delicious meal and dance the night away at St. Bonaventure's Parish Hall. More details to follow.

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

Your thoughtful gift to ShareLife will help touch the lives of over more than 100,000 people each year with compassion and care. ShareLife offers comfort to the injured, shelter to the abandoned and fellowship to the lonely. Your gift to ShareLife is truly a gift of hope.

ShareLife Sunday March 18, 2018

Please give generously.

**SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
(Grades 11 & 12) on Saturday, March 17, 2018**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



YOUR PARISH THANKS YOU

Our Parish is where we spend some of the most important moments of our lives. It is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love. Thank you for your contributions to the Parish.



**VICE AND VIRTUE: LENTEN
RETREAT**

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

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto (Ambrosia 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

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**COME AND 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.**



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