

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

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 11, 2018



March 13rd to March 17th

Tues. 8:30 am - ☩
Wed. 8:30 am - Kevin D’Mello ☩
Thurs. 12:00 (Noon) – Thanksgiving for Oliveira Family
Fri. 8:30 am – Ella Beck ☩
Sat. 4:30 pm – Dr. Andrew Frieri ☩

Readings: Sunday March 18th



1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.13-34++
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9
Gospel: John 12.20-33

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.



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.

“If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest”

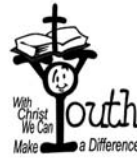


A heartfelt thank you to all that contributed casseroles and food donations. We yielded a rich harvest for those less fortunate.



The CWL meeting will be held on Monday March 19th beginning with Mass at 7 P.M. Our guest speaker is Sister Sue Mosteller, C.S.J. who spent most of her career with the L’Arche Foundation, a support network of homes and programs for people with intellectual disabilities. All the ladies of the parish are invited.

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP (FLOCK)



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

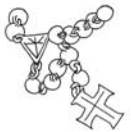
LENT:

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.

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we’ll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today’s theme is “salvation”: but to understand “being saved”, we must ask “What from?” Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.



Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

How do we “Live the Gospel” toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help “Live the Gospel” through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

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.

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Parish Lenten Mission (3 Days):

Become a Missionary Disciple

Mon. March 19, 2018 7:00 pm to

Wed. March 21, 2018 9:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish

5633 Highway 7, Markham



Unwrap the gift of faith. Grow in discipleship. Give the gift away. Join us for our Lenten Mission with guest preacher and evangelizer, Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC, from the Companions of the Cross. All are welcome to attend.

EMAIL: parish@stpatrik.on.ca **WEBSITE:**

<http://stpatrik.on.ca>

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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