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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 School

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website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 9, 2018



Dec 11th to Dec. 15th

Tues. 8:30 am - Edmund D'Abreo †
Wed. 8:30 am - John & Rose Gennaro †
Thurs. Noon - Anthony Toscano †
Fri. 8:30 am - Joseph & Zulema Coutinho †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Esdras Mendez †

READINGS FOR – December 16th

1st Reading: Zeph. 3.14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18



“FEED MY LAMBS”



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of December 15th and 16th.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"All mankind shall see the salvation of God."

Again we hear about the coming Day of Christ, and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



DAY OF CONFESSION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

“Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. Is He waiting to beat me? No, He waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us.”

Pope Francis

On Wednesday, December 12, 2018 we will be having a Day of Confession. Confessions will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be three priests hearing Confessions in the evening between 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Boxed sets for 2019 envelopes are ready for pick up in the hall. Envelope numbers over “500” have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Food Basics/ No Frills/ Walmart Gift Cards after all Masses. As we prepare for Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need assistance to get through the holidays. **Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

THE ROSARY



As part of our Advent Celebrations, the Rosary is being recited each Saturday at 4:10 pm before Mass. Praying the rosary brings many graces into our lives. We invite all parishioners to participate.

Community Service Project

This weekend, the Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine, liquor bottles and all cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



Youth Awards Program

The CWL Youth Awards Program is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic Youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. These contests are good confidence builders for the students and an opportunity for them to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. This program continues to be a major focus across the Toronto Diocese through the Catholic Women’s League Committee. For more information and to enter the contest please contact **CATHERINE GER at 416-904-7949 or catherine.ger@outlook.com**. Good Shepherd Parish contest for “Mary Matthews Public Speaking” will be held on Sun., Jan. 20, 2019 after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Registrations need to be received by Jan. 13, 2019.

ADVENT CHALLENGE

We are asking our parishioners to complete one act of kindness each day during Advent.

4 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.”) requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

– *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2042*
www.vatican.va

4th Sunday of Advent - Holy Obligation

Saturday, December 22nd at 4:30pm

Sunday, December 23rd at 9am and 11am

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

Holy Obligation

Eve: Monday, December 24th at 7pm and 10pm (Carolling begins at 9:30pm)

Day: Tuesday, December 25th at 9am and 11am

Holy Family - Holy Obligation

Saturday, December 29th at 4:30pm

Sunday, December 30th at 9am and 11am

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Holy Obligation

Eve: Monday, December 31st at 4:30pm

Day: Tuesday, January 1st at 9am and 11am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “PROTEIN FOR THE POOR”

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual “PROTEIN FOR THE POOR.” Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto’s homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

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