



*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

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.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 6, 2019

Jan 8th – Jan 12th

Tues. 8:30 am - Otilia Lee

Wed. 8:30 am - Ruth Karisch †

Thurs. Noon - In Thanksgiving

Fri. 8:30 am - Helena Wasilewska †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Vincent & Sylvian Chan †



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation or Showing. Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the light of God's blessing shines on them and beyond them. He sees nations streaming to them, attracted by God's light. Some Israelites thought God's favour was exclusively theirs. But God's light can be shared without diminishing it. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: Revelation. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us. The light that shone on the Magi shines on us. Jesus shares his light with us and asks us to spread it. The light of our faith may seem fragile, but a small light can set the world on fire! Sharing the light of God's love, God's blessing does not diminish it - it grows in strength as it is shared. Let's keep it burning brightly!




READINGS FOR – January 13th

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22




As we look back on our Christmas celebrations I would like to offer our appreciation to all those who made extra contributions to enhance our many liturgies. We thank Catherine Ger and the Decorating Committee and the Knights of Columbus who worked to beautify our church, the Liturgical Ministries – Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir Directors, all our Choir Members, and the volunteers and participants of our Children's Pageant on December 9th.

At this time, Deacon Michael Gennaro, Deacon James Shaughnessy and I would like to wish each and every one of you all the very best for a most Holy and Happy New Year. May it continue to call us into a deeper union with our God and one another within the family of Good Shepherd Parish.

Peace,

Father Anthony



FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of January 19th/20th.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Next weekend, the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



MOVIE NIGHT



"God's Not Dead"
Join us on Friday, January 18th
at 7:00 pm

When an atheist philosophy professor plans to forego "dusty arguments" in his class, he insists the new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this, Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God's Not Dead. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge. LET THE DEBATE BEGIN!!

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2019



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. They do so much more good in your hands than in ours. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form in the foyer.

The Knights of Columbus invite all men 18 years of age and older and of practicing Catholic faith to attend a short information session to learn more about the good works of the K of C after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 13, 2019 in the parish hall.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS FEBRUARY 10, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 Celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at on Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 X523.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Deacon James, Deacon Michael and myself, I want to thank all of you for your many kindnesses over the past year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts.

I am blessed to be your pastor, and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for the deacons and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2019.

Father Anthony



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.



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