

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 School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 3, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Feb 5th – Feb 9th



Tues. 8:30 am - Agnes Theresa Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am - JoJo Melicor †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony & Rosemary Sung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Jean Luc Zufferey †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Ines Nurisso †

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“As Love itself, God never fails us. As we seek to be conformed into the image and likeness of Love, we seek to never fail in loving God and in loving others.”



READINGS FOR – February 10th

1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.3-8, 11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2018 will be available by the **end of February**. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2019 will count towards next year's tax receipt.)



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

新年快乐 / 新年快樂

(Xī nǐnián kuàilè)

Good Shepherd Parish extends heartfelt best wishes for a Happy New Year to our Asian parishioners who are such an integral part of our parish family.

Year of the Pig



Pig

Occupying the last position in 12 Chinese Zodiac animals, The Pig is a mild and lucky animal representing carefree fun, good fortune and wealth. Personality traits of the

people born under the sign of the Pig are happy, easygoing, honest, trusting, educated, sincere and brave. The possible dark sides the Pig people are stubbornness, naive, over-reliant, self-indulgent, easy to anger and materialistic. They are sometimes regarded as being lazy.

There is a shocking turnaround in today's Gospel. Last week, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, his words pleased the crowd – as we hear at the beginning of today's gospel. St. Luke tells us that "all spoke well of him and were AMAZED at the gracious words that came from his mouth." But that amazement soon turned into doubt and then into fury. How quickly the mood changes! This story shows very clearly that Jesus was not a "crowd-pleaser" - he wasn't interested in saying the right things to be popular or accepted. He was interested in the truth - which is the basic definition of a prophet - whatever the personal cost. So today, when Jesus points out that salvation is not just for the Jews, or even just the people of Nazareth, they reject the message and the messenger. This rejection of Jesus by his own town folk must have sincerely grieved him. But it was only the beginning of similar rejections. Their attempt to murder him was an indication of what was yet to come. The reason was that the Messiah they were looking for was a political leader who would make Israel a political power not only among the nations but over the other nations. Their interest in things spiritual was then at a very low ebb and therefore the message of Christ had little interest for them. They did not want a spiritual kingdom.

The second reading is one of the most famous passages of the New Testament. Paul is trying to persuade the argumentative Corinthians to stop squabbling in their Churches and work together as a single community. That is why he praises love above all the virtues, because it is the only thing which can hold any community together. God's love for us compels Him to share his divine nature with us through Christ. We are only our best selves when God's divine nature is at work in us. Does He invite us? Every day. Let us say **YES!!**

MOVIE NIGHT



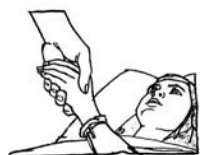
Friday, February 15, 2019
at 7:00 pm

"For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristiada"

In this epic action film, an impassioned group of men and women risk everything for family, faith and the very future of their country. The film's adventure unfolds against the long-hidden true story of the 1920's Cristero War – the daring people's revolt that rocked the 20th Century North America.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11, 2019



The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the church. It

reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Save the date!! April 27, 2019!!

The Knights of Columbus are preparing our "Spring Social". More details to follow.



Ministry with Maturing Adults Spirituality in the Second Half of Life Winter Program

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.

Friday, February 8, 2019 – "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia"

Friday, February 15, 2019 – "Personal Prayer"

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Viola Athaide

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone

905-881-1534

2019 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto**

The theme of this year's rally is
"Hope in the midst of Suffering."

"... we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; character; and hope." Romans

5:3-4. Featuring inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring, CC; an adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring; a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

Cost: \$25 for Adults - \$15 for youth

Contact: Catholic Renewal Ministries

Phone: 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510

Email: contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



LENTEN COURSE

**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players
St. Augustine and St. Benedict**



Good Shepherd parish invites you to participate in a five-week film and study course beginning **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**. Join us as Bishop Robert Barron traces the lives and contributions of these two incredible Saints.

Registration: Sunday, February 10th and Saturday, February 16th after all Masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Community Service Projects:

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.

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Happy Chinese New Year

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