



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
James Shaughnessy

## **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

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](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 24, 2019

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

March 26<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am - In Thanksgiving  
Oliveira Family

Wed. 8:30 am - Bette Pickett †

Thurs. Noon - John Fung †

Fri. 8:30 am -

Sat. 4:30 pm – Ruth Karisch †

**READINGS FOR – March 31<sup>ST</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



**Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.**



## The Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow the path of Christ commencing this Friday at 7:00 pm.

## The Rosary

“I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.” The Rosary will be recited at 4:10 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily Mass.



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## How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday**

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

**“Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.”**

“The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall.” This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasized in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives.



The wise gardener, he knows when and how to maintain the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful. Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit in keeping with the graces we have received. But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live and, as St Peter teaches, he is “forbearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance”. But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace.

Our “yes” to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God. At every Eucharist, we renew our “yes”. We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: “only say the word and my soul shall be healed”. May our lives be fruitful.

Third Sunday of  
**Lent**  
We Reform

## Ministry with Maturing Adults

### Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

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

Friday, March 29 – “Advance Care Planning”

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

Register: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca) or phone 905-881-1534



### Flower Collection for Easter

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Masses

Donations will help brighten up the church!

### LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Consecration to Our Lady for all active and auxiliary members on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 14 Highgate Drive in Markham (2 blocks north of Steeles at Birchmount).



## LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION

Please mark your calendars now and make the time to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation on the following dates:

**Tuesday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
(No evening confessions)

**Wednesday, April 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Three priests will be available)** If you need help especially if you have been away for some time simply ask the priest and he will help you by “walking” you through the steps to make a good confession.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

### Lenten Retreat: Mary in the Heart of the Church

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 30, 2019 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON

“The Church is Marian in her essence.” Mary is the image of what we are to be: the more Marian we become, the more Church we become. We shall look at this insight in three steps:

1. How Mary fulfills Old Testament pre-figurations.
2. Mary as the Form of and as Generating the Church (Adrienne von Speyr).
3. The Marian principle in the Church today (Hans Urs von Balthasar).

Fr. Charles, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, will lead the Retreat which will also include Mass in the seminary chapel.

Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day!

**CONTACT:** St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto

**COST:** \$50, includes lunch.

**PHONE:** 416-261-7207

**EMAIL:** [layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org](mailto:layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org)

### Women of the Word Toronto 10th Anniversary Forum

Sat., April 13, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

The Royalton Hospitality Inc.

8201 Weston Rd., Woodbridge

Women of the Word Toronto invites you to their 10th Anniversary Forum, "Living Truth, Beauty and, Goodness." This year's speakers include Fr. Michael Della Penna, Dr. Josephine Lombardi and Gizela Cardoso. The event will be emceed by Celeste Giraldo Estrada.

**COST:** \$60 (includes light breakfast and plated lunch)

**CONTACT:** [www.wowblessingstoronto.com](http://www.wowblessingstoronto.com)

**PHONE:** 416-453-0402

### 2019 PARISH SPRING SOCIAL

Save the date!! April 27, 2019!!

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.



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