



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 7, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

April 9th – April 13th

Tues. 8:30 am – Agnes Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am - Amelia Lee †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony & Rosemary Sung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Fausto Ignagni †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Angelo Iacobelli †

READINGS FOR – April 14th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56 or Luke 23.1-49



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.



SL ShareLife

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Living the Gospel by

Supporting those with Disabilities

Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."



Leaving old ways behind is not easy. Today's readings remind us that breaking away from the past is essential to obtaining eternal life with Jesus. God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

The goodness and mercy of God and our need for repentance, continue to be illustrated all through the Lenten readings. The account of the woman caught in adultery is in reality a story of the conflict of Jesus and the religious authorities who were intent on putting him to the test. This event took place in the outer court of the Temple, a public place. Here the faithful are instructed in the observance of the Law. The dilemma for Jesus is whether he advocates the appropriate Mosaic sentence – death by stoning – or clings to his own teachings on mercy and compassion. In a society governed by honour and shame, they realize that Jesus has outwitted and humiliated them. Despite her obvious guilt, the woman herself is of minor significance to these authorities (her equally guilty partner has not been dragged forward) and Jesus does not even look at her or address her until they have all left in shame. With compassionate respect, Jesus neither condones nor condemns this stranger, as He invites her to a new life. Acceptance and love allow repentance and change to occur in others far more readily than harsh judgments and unacceptance.

Upcoming Events:

Ministry with Maturing Adults

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

Fri. April 12 - "Growth in Wisdom"

Fri. April 26 - "Spiritual Strengths & Inner Resources"

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

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone

905-881-1534

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

"Restless Heart:

The Confessions of Augustine"

This movie depicts the true story of St. Augustine of Hippo told in his own words. It is based on his famous book "The Confessions". The film uses an historic backdrop, the collapse of the Roman Empire to narrate the events in the life of one who moved from sinner to Saint.



2019 SPRING SOCIAL – APRIL 27

Tickets are going fast. Get your tickets after all masses this weekend. It's time for our community to get together, enjoy a delicious meal and dance the

night away at:

St. Bonaventure's Parish Hall

(Larger Venue)

1300 Leslie Street

Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Cost \$45 per person, children 12 and under \$20

Cash Bar / DJ all evening / Door Prizes

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Community Service Projects

We are deeply grateful for your participation in the collection of "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We kindly ask bring only refundable cans (**NOT ACCEPTABLE SOUP/VEGETABLE AND OTHER FOOD CANS**) on designated **SECOND** weekend of the month. We do not have storage space and they attract bugs and other uninvited guests. Thank you for supporting this project!!



FEED MY LAMBS

Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Palm Sunday). The monthly collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre is on Easter Sunday. This is a busy time for everyone and we are so grateful for making time for those less fortunate. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for 10 homeless people at **The Good Shepherd Centre**.

2019 National Catholic TV Mission Sin, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt + Light and VisionTV during Holy Week. Please check your local listings, call the NCBC toll-free 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com for more information.



Good Friday Procession 2019

Friday, April 19, 2019 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
72 Mansfield Ave., Toronto
We invite you to join us for our annual Good Friday Procession, which starts at 3 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish and ends back at the church by approximately 5 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers, young and old, to participate in the procession. A verification form for community service will be provided upon request. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com.



Retrouvaille Weekend

Conflict and Stress in Your Marriage?

Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel frustrated and angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty rediscover their love for one another. For confidential information or to register for the April live-in weekend PHONE: 416-281-6007 WEB: www.torontoretrovaille.com.



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