

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

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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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 1, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Jesus Tordesillas Jr. †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Carolina Girod – Sp. Intention  
Thurs. Noon – Arthur Yeung – Sp. Intention  
Fri. 8:30 am – Angelo Comella †  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Anthony Lee †

## READINGS FOR – September 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14.25-33



## WELCOME SEPTEMBER



### Worship

We certainly hope that you will feel at home with us. Please take a moment to complete a registration form available in the foyer at the back of the church.

To welcome back all parishioners, The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them after each of the masses for some light refreshments on September 14 and 15 in the parish hall.

## LABOUR DAY

Traditionally, Labour Day was an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers' right during parades and picnics organized by trade unions. These still play a role on Labour Day for some Canadians, but for many it is an opportunity to take a late summer trip or enjoy the company of family and friends at picnics, fairs, festivals and fireworks displays. For students, it's getting ready to get back to another academic year. Enjoy and be safe!!



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

**“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

In today's Gospel, Jesus is invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

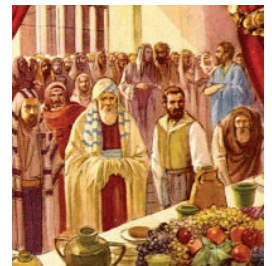
There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God — our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, we thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than we would. We have enough gifts to go on. We shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which we did not receive.

If we use all the gifts which God gave us, to help our neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping ourselves aloof from them as the Pharisees did, then our judgment will be easy. We shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances.

Jesus' humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone in favour with the Lord. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to His counsel when He said: "Learn from me, for I am humble of heart."?

At the Eucharist, let us give thanks that God dwells within us. We don't have to be first in line or have the best seat in the house. These weekly passages and our daily actions at play or work continually prepare us to live God's word.





## FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Little Rock Scripture Study  
Alive in the Word Series

**Sarah & Hagar – Women of Promise  
Trust – Confidence in the God of Salvation**

Course Length – 6 Weeks

Registration – Weekend of September 14/15

Start Date: Tuesday September 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## Prayer Group

Please join us to pray for the needs of our community and the world, with the recitation of the Scriptural Rosary and Lectio Divina commencing on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 at 7 pm.

## Ministry with Maturing Adults at Good Shepherd Church

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life. First session - Friday, Sept. 20, 2019

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

Topic: **“The Golden Years Seminar”**

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Community Service Projects

Next weekend the Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. Our summer collection totals, \$670.00 in refunds and \$105.00 for recycled aluminium, purchased five chairs. We thank you for your support of this project.

## CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join us in the parish hall during the **9:00 am** Mass beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We are in dire need of student/adult volunteers. A reminder for high school students: assisting with this program qualifies as part of your mandatory community service assignment.



**The office will be closed on Monday,  
September 2, 2019.**

Join us on  
**Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**“Courageous”**



Sheriff's deputy Adam Mitchell (Alex Kendrick) endures a terrible personal tragedy that causes him to question what is really important to him. Taking comfort in his religion, Adam vows to become a better parent to his teenage son (Rusty Martin), and convinces his friends on the force to sign a pledge that they will all strive to become better Christians and better parents. Unfortunately, one of the men's moral compass appears to be broken when it comes to earning some fast money.

## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Next weekend, September 7 & 8 after each mass, we will have with us a special guest, Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians". He will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian



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## Bible Convention

Saturday, September 14, 2019 9:00 am to  
Sunday, September 15, 2019 6:00 pm

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto  
69 William Street., Toronto

The annual Bible Convention will be held on September 14 and 15 at DRCT from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. led by Fr. Mathew Naickomparambil V.C., Fr. Antony Thekkanath V.C. and Sr. Therese Varakullam, F.C.C. Registration fee is \$50.00 per person. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There will be enriching Biblical talks, uplifting praise music, testimonies, Holy Mass and Adoration. Please reserve your seats to avoid disappointment, as seating capacity is limited.

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