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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

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 or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 29, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Oct. 1st – Oct. 5th

Tues. 8:30 am – Ignatius & Lucia Shen †
Wed. 8:30 am – Martha Holmes †
Thurs. Noon – Silvia Kim & Andrea Park †
Fri. 8:30 am – Anthony & Rosemary Sung †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Bates & Filart Family †

READINGS FOR – October 6th

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17.5-10



FIRST FRIDAY

October 4, 2019

Mass on First Friday, will be at 8:30 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be retired. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SPRING 2020

Sacramental Preparation for children in Grade 2 or older, will occur through a series of classes that you attend with your child on Saturday mornings beginning on Saturday, February 1st from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., at the church. First Holy Communion Mass is planned for Sunday, June 14th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Registration will occur after all Masses Oct. 19-20 and forms are also available at the back of the church and through the parish office. A copy of your child's baptism certificate and a fee of \$40.00 (cash or cheques made out to Good Shepherd Parish) is required for registration.

For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact First Communion Coordinator Nisha Fernandes at 416-567-3626.

We are also looking for volunteers to help teach the program. If you interested, please contact Nisha or Father Anthony.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony."

Following on from last week ("You cannot be the slave of both God and money") we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. All the parables of our Lord are based on everyday happenings. While we hope and pray that the case of the rich man described here is not an everyday occurrence, we cannot doubt but that such cases have happened and will happen again. This rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich and even very rich. He is in eternal torments because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbor and his own real welfare - eternal life. There are men like him in our world today, men who completely ignore their real future. While they are convinced that their stay on this earth is of very short duration and that they will have to leave it very, very soon, they still act and live as if they had a permanent home here.

God forbid that any of us should be numbered amongst these foolish people, for there is no greater folly on earth than to miss the real and only purpose in life because of a few trivial, passing attractions. We are not forbidden to have some of this world's goods. We need some, and it was God who provided them for our use. But we must use them properly and we must not set them up as idols to be adored. On all sides of us there are Lazarus' placed at our gates by God to give us an opportunity to exercise fraternal charity. Be a true brother to them now and you will not have to envy them hereafter.

If on the other hand your lot is that of a Lazarus—and many there are whose life is one long, continual struggle against poverty, disease and hardship—try to carry your cross patiently. Envy of your neighbor and rebellion against God will only add to, and do not cure, your ills. The day of judgment, which for you will be the day of reward, if you are humble and patient, is around the corner. Eternal happiness is worth twenty lives of earthly ill-fortune.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CWL Annual Apple Pie Event

Ladies and gentlemen!

We welcome anyone who would like to help us on Saturday, October 5th, peeling and cutting 15 bushels of apples and assembling pies. An 'Early Bird' start at 8:00 am preparing apples and from 9:00 am until about 1:00 pm assembling pies. Please sign up at the back of the church today. Bring your favourite peeler, paring knife, cutting board and lots of enthusiasm. We will provide the pastry and all the other ingredients. Pies will be sold after all the Masses October 5th and 6th. For further information contact: Mary Ann Quail at maquail59@gmail.com or 905-881-9068.



WHAT IS LIFE CHAIN?

Life Chain is a non-confrontational, peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Participants hold non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us this year at the intersection of Don Mills and Steeles, between 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th.

An Evening at the Seminary

Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.

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Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? An evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations, Fr. Chris Lemieux and a tour of the seminary. Registration is required, either by calling the Office of Vocations or by completing the form online. Website below.

CONTACT: Office of Vocations

PHONE: 416-968-0997

EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

Educate, Reflect, Act!

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.
Federal Election Debate From A Catholic Perspective

New Viewing Locations Announced!

Thanks to an overwhelming response, in just three days, more than 1,000 free tickets were ordered for the Thursday, October 3, 2019 Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective. While tickets for the John Bassett Theatre are sold out, four archdiocesan parishes (located in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa) equipped with the appropriate technology are opening their halls for viewing parties to bring interested Catholics together to participate in this important evening. Individuals can also livestream the event from their own home should they wish to do so. To order free tickets for a viewing party near you or to learn more about the livestream, the debate and related resources, visit www.archtoronto.org/election

ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from Grades 5 through 12 are invited to become Altar Servers. For those interested, please fill in a registration form, found at the bookshelf in the foyer and return it to the office. New servers are needed for all Masses. Orientation and training for new servers will take place in October



9 AM CHILDREN & 11 AM ADULT CHOIRS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Join us as we prepare for the
Advent/Christmas Season!

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR 9 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR 11 AM ADULT CHOIR

Every Thursday – in the Church from 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS

Be able to commit to weekly choir practices. A desire to help lead our congregation in song. Sing regularly at Sunday Mass, Holy Days, and Feast Days as requested by the Pastor. No formal music training is required. For information contact Eugenie Landry, Music Director at eugenievlандry@rogers.com or 905-881-1534



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