



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 6, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Oct. 8th – Oct. 12th

Tues. 8:30 am – Shelegy & Major Families †

Wed. 8:30 am – Yeji & David Seol †

Thurs. Noon – Richard Attard & Marie Assal †

Fri. 8:30 am – Dolores Wilson †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Blanche Sequeira †

READINGS FOR – October 13th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19



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.

CONFIRMATION

Parent Meeting – Oct. 7th from 7-8 p.m.

This is a very important meeting if you wish your child to be confirmed this school year. Anyone registered at Good Shepherd who does not attend one of our parish schools and wishes to be confirmed should contact the office.

Registration for students in Grades 7 and 8 (also high-school) will take place on Sunday, October 20th and 27th after each mass.



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 supporting this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. With winter approaching, the need is ever more heightened, please consider making a casserole for the less fortunate.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Wed., November 6th
6:30 to 8 pm



Our parish runs on volunteer power and each and every individual is important to the overall success of our community. Father Anthony would like to invite all those who volunteer to drop in, here at the church, on **Wednesday, November 6th** between the hours of 6:30 and 8:00 pm for a small reception including sandwiches, hot hors d'oeuvres, vegetables & dip, dessert, wine, coffee, tea etc. PLUS a Raffle. We ask that you contact your committee leader to confirm your attendance, and once again, thank you for all you do to assist us.



CWL Annual Apple Pie Event

The Ladies of the CWL will be selling their delicious apple pies this weekend after all Masses. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and donated ingredients to help with this event.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY OCT. 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. FEATURE MOVIE “THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK”

The true story of Monsignor Hugh O’Flaherty (Gregory Peck), a courageous Irish priest working in the Vatican during the German occupation.

O’Flaherty devotes all his time and energy to hiding refugees and Allied POWs from the Nazis, building a network of hundreds of people to help him with his efforts.





CLOTHING DRIVE

October 20th and 21st

The Knights of Columbus and CWL will be collecting your donations of **men's** clothing for Good Shepherd Refuge. Warm outerwear is especially needed as winter is not far away. (Clothing for women and babies are welcome as these will be given to Rosalie Hall.) Please label all items as either men/women/baby as this will save time when sorting. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate.

Come and See Weekend

St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 17 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, November 1 (7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, November 3 (1:30 p.m.) 2019, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

National Catholic Health Care Week

October 6 – 12, 2019

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care. Whether it be in hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes and long –term care homes, Catholic health care works to provide purpose-driven care with compassion and innovation. Each year, Catholic health care providers serve more than five million people in need. Every person who contributes to working in Catholic health care is living out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and we give thanks for the thousands of physicians, nurses, employees and volunteers who give of themselves to care for all in need.



The Gift of Faith

How often do we pray to God for greater faith?

The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.

This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* claims that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God.

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling.

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary. Pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to Her.



Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Oct. 18, 2019

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

Topic: **"Decluttering and Downsizing"**

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"Decluttering Your Spiritual Life"**

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