



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

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 20, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Oct. 22nd – Oct. 26th

Tues. 8:30 am – Helen & Brian Leung
Special Intention

Wed. 8:30 am – Teresa Yu Lam †

Thurs. Noon – †

Fri. 8:30 am – Chung & Szeto Families †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Elton Jardine †

READINGS FOR – October 27th

1st Reading: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14



CONFIRMATION



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

World Mission Sunday

October 20



At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world

are invited to pray for and give to the missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Catherine Ger and the members of her Decorating Committee for the beautiful autumn and Thanksgiving decorations in our church.



“God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to Him.”

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, “Lord, it is enough!”

Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say, “Lord, I can go no further.” Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why He offers us this parable and teaching today.

The following was sent to us by a parishioner, however it is a message well worth sharing with everyone.

“My Dear Parishioners, just a reminder to you. We are so blessed in our Catholic tradition – unlike our non-Catholic brothers and sisters – to have the Manifestation of the Blessed Sacrament always present in the tabernacle of our churches. Somewhere along the way, the awe and reverence of this presence has been lost.

Prior to Mass, the church proper should be a quiet space – a place for us to really and truly spend some time alone with Our Blessed Lord; a place to meditate and pray – or just sit and think in total silence.

Unfortunately, The Church of the Good Shepherd, was not built with the appropriate separation of space. The church proper and foyer are in very close proximity. Voices tend to carry easily and loudly into what should be a quiet, sacred space.

Please remember that some people want and need to have quiet space in our church, so if you feel you want to chat, please consider doing so outside. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.S. We also want to remind our parishioners that cell phones should be turned off, or silenced, while you are in church.”

“Pray continually and never lose heart.”

The call to prayer in the gospel is marked by perseverance, by patience. God is prepared to listen to us, his “chosen ones”; he is prepared to answer, but how long will we give him? There may be a temptation to give up on God in prayer, because we don’t think he answers fast enough; he is not immediate enough. But prayer is all about building a lifelong relationship with the God who created us to share life in and with him. The point of the parable is to “pray continually and never lose heart.” To build a sound and lasting relationship takes time and trust.





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.

Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019

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

Topic: **“Decluttering Your Spiritual Life”**

Inviting men & women 50+ to attend.



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.



The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses on October 27th. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

CWL MEETING

The monthly CWL meeting will take place on Monday, October 21st, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, October 23, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!



October 21 is Election Day – Time to Vote!



The Archdiocese of Toronto invites every eligible Catholic to vote in the federal election on October 21. One of the five core directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan calls on us to be engaged in the public square. As a charity, the Archdiocese of Toronto must remain non-partisan and cannot direct the Catholic community to vote for a particular candidate or party. What we can do is educate voters and to ensure they are informed to make a responsible decision on Election Day. We can also share information on issues from a Catholic perspective – visit www.archtoronto.org/election for more information. Please take the time to pray for those seeking elected office, reflect on your vote from a Catholic perspective and most importantly, cast your ballot on October 21!

5th Annual Benefit Concert to End Abuse To Women and Girls

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Lula Lounge
1585 Dundas St. W., Toronto
Catholic Family Services of Toronto Foundation presents the 5th Annual Benefit Concert to End Abuse to Women and Girls. This will be a night of live music, a dazzling silent auction and lots of fun — and all for a worthy cause. We are excited to have musical entertainment from Enrico Galante and friends. Also, this year we're featuring Grammy and Juno award-winning singer, Liberty Silver! Last year was our best year ever for attendance and contributions — thanks to you! Let's make this year a record-breaker, too!
TICKETS: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door
CONTACT: Catholic Family Services of Toronto
PHONE: 416-921-1163
EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

IRISH COMMUNITY MASS OF MEMORY

Sunday, November 3, 2019, The 29th Annual Mass of Memory will take place at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street (one block east of Parliament and Queen St. E). Sacred / Celtic Prelude by The Irish Choral Society of Canada, at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. For further information contact Mairead at 416-264-5363.



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