



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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**

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email: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca)

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# FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – Nov. 24, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Agnes Theresa Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am – Delia Freixa †

Thurs. Noon – Lawrence So – Sp. Intention

Fri. 8:30 am – Sing Chung †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Esdras Mendez †

## READINGS FOR – December 1

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44



**2020 SUNDAY MISSALS** will be available for sale at the back of the Church this weekend. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of

Mass; to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed sets for 2020 envelopes are ready for pick up. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set issued, please take a moment and complete a form in the foyer today. Envelope numbers over "500" have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider Pre-Authorized giving. If there is a change in address, phone number, etc., please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca) or drop off the changes at the office.



## COLLECTION

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

December 7 & 8

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.



## Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: "Grandparents"

Dates and topics will be announced in December for the Winter 2019 Program.

**Inviting men & women 50+ to attend.**

## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR

November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

The ladies of the CWL will be holding the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale after all masses. Come and check out the assortment of Christmas Crafts, knitted goods, Christmas Baskets, baked goods and a raffle in the church hall. There will be something for everyone on your list. We look forward to seeing our great community partake in the festivities and contribute to a very worthy cause.



## RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send your Christmas greetings while supporting the Right to Life Association. This organization gives a voice to unborn children and speaks out against assisted suicide and euthanasia. Cards will be available after all Masses this weekend. The cost is \$10.00.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Food Basics/ No Frills/ Walmart Gift Cards after all Masses starting this weekend and will continue for the next several weeks. As we prepare for Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need assistance to get through the holidays. **We kindly ask Gift Cards in \$25 denomination. Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards without a tag.



## POINSETTIAS



Back by popular demand. High quality plants ready for your home or purchase as gifts. Sign-up sheet is available in the foyer today. Prepayment is not required. These plants come in various sizes, colours and prices and will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR."

Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.



## First Holy Communion Spring 2020

Children in Grade 2 or older must attend, with a parent, a series of classes for Sacramental Preparation beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>

at 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the church. First Holy Communion Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday June 14th at the 11 a.m. Mass.

Registration is due by November 30th to ensure books are ordered on time. A copy of your child's baptism certificate and a fee of \$40 (cash or cheque made out to Good Shepherd Parish) is required for registration. If you have any questions or concerns, 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 are interested, please contact Nisha or Father Anthony.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING



The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. Please join us.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."***

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the Feast of the King of all Creation we see Him at His most vulnerable; on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that He is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "... and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though He will come as his disciples saw Him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation.

We have been on a journey the past twelve months as we have traveled through the Christian Church Year. We have followed in the steps of Jesus as He was birthed in a stable, as He walked the dusty hillsides of Galilee, opened blind eyes and made the lame to walk again, as He taught the multitudes and the disciples, as He was crucified, and rose again. We have celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, reflected on the mission of the Church, and what it means to be a disciple of the Christ. Today is the last Sunday of that journey for this year. Next Sunday we begin celebrating Advent as we once again begin that journey to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are.

So today we will look back at this past year's journey with Jesus. But we are also looking forward to our journey this coming year, as we express each week our Faith in the transforming power of God at work in our world, and in our Church, and in our lives to restore all of creation to His purposes. Today we seek the grace to practise and to encourage, through our prayers and our actions, the kind of shepherd leadership modelled by Jesus.

***"God is the true shepherd who gathers his flock under the righteousness of Jesus (Jeremiah 23:1-6)."***





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