



# 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**

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Dec. 1, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Eugenia Yu †

Wed. 8:30 am – Pietro Mollicone †

Thurs. Noon – Anthony & Rosemary Sung †

Fri. 8:30 am – Herculano Mascarenhas †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Francis Kwong †

## READINGS FOR – December 1

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



## 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. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



The Ladies of the CWL would like to express their sincere thanks to the parishioners who so generously supported our Christmas bake sale and bazaar last weekend. The quality and variety of the baked goods donated

was exceptional. If you baked, bought, or if you did both, a huge thank you! Thanks also who supported the knitted goods, Christmas boutiques and gifts as well. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Advent Challenge:** This Advent we are asking our parishioners to perform one act of kindness each day.



## FIRST FRIDAY December 6<sup>th</sup>

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

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

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m..

## 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. **Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.** You can still donate gift cards without a tag.



## LAST CALL FOR 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS

This will be the last weekend to purchase your Sunday Missal. We encourage parishioners to read the Word of God ahead of Mass; to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God’s word.

## COLLECTION FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

**December 7 & 8**

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



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent



## POINSETTIAS

To pre-order your poinsettias a 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.



## Community Service Projects IMPORTANT!

We are deeply grateful for your participation in the collection of "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. **Please note that soup/vegetable and other food cans are not refundable so please do not include in the collection.** We kindly ask to drop off on designated second weekend of the month. We do not have storage space and they attract bugs and other uninvited guests. Do not leave bottles/cans outside church doors. Thank you.

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



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"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Arch. of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## HAPPY ADVENT SEASON

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

## DAYS OF CONFESSION

**Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Father Anthony**

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Four Priests**

This Advent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confession. Here at Good Shepherd, a priest will be available to hear your Confession on Monday, December 9th, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 11th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This sacrament is also available every Saturday before Mass.

## Check Your Numbers

A list of all winners are posted on the Church Bulletin Board. Congrats to all our winners!! Please contact the office to pick up your prize and bring the winning ticket.



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