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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.

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Dec. 8, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Dec. 10th – Dec. 14th

Tues. 8:30 am – Agnes Theresa Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am – Helen McRae †

Thurs. Noon – In Thanksgiving

Fri. 8:30 am – In Thanksgiving

Sat. 4:30 pm – Winston & Effie Ferguson †

READINGS FOR – December 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11



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.

DAYS OF CONFESSION

Monday December 9th

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

Father Anthony

Wednesday December 11th

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Three 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 three priests will be available on Wednesday, December 11th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This sacrament is also available every Saturday before Mass.



FOUR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.”) requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.
– *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2042*

www.vatican.va

*Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
Holy Obligation*

*Eve: Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm and
10pm (Carolling begins at 9:30pm)*

*Day: Wednesday, December 25th at 9am and
11am*

Holy Family - Holy Obligation

Saturday, December 28th at 4:30pm

Sunday, December 29th at 9am and 11am

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Holy Obligation*

Eve: Tuesday, December 31st at 4:30pm

Day: Wednesday, January 1st at 9am and 11am

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

THE ROSARY

As part of our Advent Celebrations, the Rosary is being recited each Saturday at 4:10 pm before Mass. Praying the rosary brings many graces into our lives. We invite all parishioners to participate.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent



CWL ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Ladies of the CWL are invited to our annual Wine & Cheese Christmas Social (Meeting) on Monday, December 16th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. We will be collecting filled purses/makeup bags of personal hygiene products for the women in the North York Women's Shelters. Thanking you in advance for your kindness and support.

POINSETTIAS

For those who ordered a poinsettia, please pick up this weekend.



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.

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of December 14th and 15th. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for ten homeless people at the Good Shepherd Centre.



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"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

ADVENT CHALLENGE

We are asking our parishioners to complete one act of kindness each day during Advent.

"A STEWARDSHIP EXAMINATION"

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that, "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which (the gifts) have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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.



UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES

The following winning numbers have not been claimed. Please check your tickets and come pick up your prize.

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