

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 19, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Jan 21st – Jan 25th

Tues. 8:30 am - Joanne Lasita †

Wed. 8:30 am - John Wylie †

Thurs. Noon - Sophia Schurter †

Fri. 8:30 am - Fr. Norman Dodge, S.J.

Special Intention

Sat. 4:30 pm - Kevin D'Mello †

READINGS FOR – January 26th

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, January 22nd, beginning at

7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2019 will be available by the **end of February**. If you want us to mail your receipt, please drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2019 will count towards next year's tax receipt.)

FEED MY LAMBS



This weekend is the collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for 10 underprivileged people at **The Good Shepherd Centre**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can double check our records.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”

Today's gospel is most appropriate as we begin a new year. Baptism is a powerful sacrament that transforms us into children of God and makes us a new creation. It is a sacrament of rebirth through which are given the graces to embark on our journey as children of God.

The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. The word “lamb” appears several times in the New Testament and always in reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight. The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenseless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but endures it and is submissive. And this is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

What does it mean for the Church, for us, today to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. Being disciples of the Lamb means that we must not live like a “city under siege,” but like a city on a hill, open, welcoming, solidary. It means not having an attitude of closedness, but proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us more free and more joyful.

— Pope Francis *Angelus Address* January 19, 2014

We are united as Christians through baptism and we are sealed by the Holy Spirit who protects and guides us throughout our lives. What a grace it is to be walking in the Christian faith, accompanied by the Holy Spirit!



**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS
WITH CARDINAL COLLINS
FEBRUARY 9, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.**



As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 Celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave. East - Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 X523.

**Ministry with Maturing Adults
Spirituality in the Second Half of Life
Winter Program**

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life.

First session: Thursday, January 30, 2020

Coffee: 10:00 a.m.

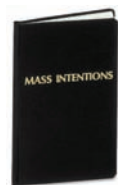
Start Time: 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Topic: **An Ignatian Response to Homelessness and Addiction – Guest Speaker Valerie Walsh**

Facilitator: Viola Athaide

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca/call 905-881-1534

2020 MASS INTENTIONS



The 2020 Mass book is now available. If you would like to book a Mass please visit the office. The suggested donation for an announced Mass is \$20. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is read at the start of Mass and also printed in the bulletin. The suggested donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Please note that Mass offerings are not tax deductible.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020**

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church - 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto

Join us for an ecumenical prayer service to celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will be reflecting on the Word of God with other Christian leaders. Learn more about this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at <http://bit.ly/ChristianUnity2020>. All are welcome! For more information please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at the Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 934-3400 ext. 527.



LENTEN COURSE

**Lent, Season of Transformation &
Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles**

Good Shepherd parish invites you to participate in a six-week Little Rock Scripture Study – *Alive in the Word*. Course beginning **Shrove Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Details to follow.



**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
AUSTRALIA FIRES**

As you are aware, in recent weeks, hundreds of forest fires in Australia have killed dozens, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened many local species with extinction. At present, more than 10 million hectares of bush, forest and parks in the country have been impacted. Funds will be channeled through our Australian St. Vincent de Paul partners.



Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **Good Shepherd Parish – Australia Fires – Disaster Relief**

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