

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

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 26, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

TOR THE WEEK



Jan 28th – Feb 1st

Tues. 8:30 am – Rosemary Sung ♥ Wed. 8:30 am – Raymond Reix ♥ Thurs. Noon – Sidney Chu ♥ Fri. 8:30 am – Frank Flanagan ♥ Sat. 4:30 pm – Kwan-Hsing Lee ♥

READINGS FOR – February 2nd

1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18++

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between Jan. 1st – Dec. 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, 2020 will count towards next year's tax receipt.)

JANUARY 25, 2020 新年快乐/新年快樂 (Xīnnián kuàilè)

Good Shepherd Parish extends heartfelt best wishes for a Happy New Year to our Asian parishioners who are such an integral part of our parish family.

The Rat sign marks the beginning of the Chinese zodiac and it is associated with an aggressive attitude and entrepreneurial spirit. In Chinese philosophy, it is linked to material success, wellness, and luxury life.

2020 will be a year of opportunities for the Rat



Chinese animal sign. In this year of the White Metal Rat, the rats will have a wonderful time. Everything will work out in your favor. But do not

get too lazy and start taking life for granted.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled."

"Come, follow me." This is the beautiful invitation Jesus extends to His first disciples in the Gospel today. How often do we hear those same words, "come, follow me," in our lives? The Lord is constantly calling us to follow Him. By reflecting on today's Gospel we can learn how we too can heed the call.

Firstly, it is important to remember that Jesus say to Peter and Andrew, "I will make you fishers of people." Jesus calls them to mission. So too, Jesus calls us to mission as well, the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. The Gospel records that when the disciples were called, the immediately left their nets and followed him. They saw in Christ all fulfillment and so followed Him immediately. We should strive to imitate this eagerness in following Christ, for the Lord doesn't want us to delay the plans He has in store for us.

Lastly, whenever we feel unworthy of the call of following Christ as stewards, we can take great consolation in the fact that Jesus chose lowly,

uneducated fisherman for His first apostles. It is famously said that God doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies the called. If the Lord



calls us to a certain mission, He will sustain us through that mission as well. So let us strive to heed the call of Christ and begin to follow Him, the one in whom all our fulfillment is found.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW Sunday, November 26th

The Book Barrow will take place after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. A selection of inspirational books are available for you to borrow and enjoy.



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 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



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.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15 2020

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Please note: Registrants 17 years old will require parental consent.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY Sunday, January 26, 2020



So few Canadians realize that leprosy still impacts millions of people worldwide. In fact, today 600 people including 50 children, will hear these words: "You have leprosy." Words that could change their lives forever. It doesn't have to be that way. Leprosy CAN BE CURED. Yet too often this news does not reach remote and forgotten communities. Those affected by leprosy are often hidden and neglected.

THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA USED STAMP COLLECTION

The ladies of the CWL are collecting used postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission of Canada. With the proceeds from the sale of these stamps to collectors, the Leprosy Mission is effective in the prevention, detection and treatment of leprosy. *The stamps need to be trimmed, leaving a paper border of no less than 1/4 inch and no more than 1/2 inch.* Postcards or entire envelopes dated prior to 1950 (do not remove stamps) are sought after by many collectors, as well as foreign, Canadian and American commemorative stamps. Stamps may be deposited in the white container on the cabinet in the foyer. Please help to restore dignity and courage to those who have suffered. The Ladies of CWL thank you.



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