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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Feb 11th – Feb 15th

Tues. 8:30 am – Quirina DiDonato †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Thurs. Noon – Prasede Martino †

Fri. 8:30 am – Fr. Guenter Petricek †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Sp. Int. Verna, Renvel, Veronica
and Luke Gonsalves

READINGS FOR – February 16th

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37



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.)

SHARELIFE DONATIONS

Parishioners who participate in our parish's Pre-Authorized Program (PAG) will soon receive a letter from ShareLife. If you are not currently making your ShareLife gift via PAG, you are encouraged to sign up. And, if you already use PAG for ShareLife, please consider increasing your gift to help those who rely on your generous support.

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

The Light of Stewardship

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, "from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn't be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven".

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly.

We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve."

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we're on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness the world?



*You are the light of
the world.*

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11, 2020



The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

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.** Registration after all masses this weekend.

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/vocations@archtoronto.org](tel:416-968-0997)



"The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler"

Friday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Based on Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who smuggled approximately 2,500 Jewish children to safety during the German occupation of Poland. Irena is a Catholic social worker who has sympathized with the Jews since her childhood, when her physician father died of typhus contracted while treating poor Jewish patients. When she initially proposes saving Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto, her idea is met with skepticism by fellow workers, her parish priest, and even her own mother Janina.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of February 15th/16th.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

This weekend, the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM



On January 26, 2020 Good Shepherd Parish hosted the Mary Matthew Public Speaking Contest. Congratulations to **IRIS MARACIUC** who will move forward to the Regional Level of the Public Speaking Contest. Also awarded is **TRINITY YNEZ SORRELL** (runner up) for Public Speaking. We would like to recognize **DOMENICK MANN** for participating in Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay Contest. Thank you to those who participated. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all that we do.

2020 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 am to 5:30 pm

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto**



The theme of this year's rally is "**Jesus, Light of the World**". Featuring inspired talks by Ralph Martin; Christy Dupuis; Monsignor Gregory Smith; and keynote speaker Fr. James Mallon. An adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Cost: \$25 for Adults - \$15 for youth Contact: Catholic Renewal Ministries Phone: 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510 Email: contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



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