

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
James Shaughnessy

## **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](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca)

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Rita Alice de Souza †

Wed. 8:30 am – Gladys Hawa – Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Mark Williams †

Fri. 8:30 am –

Sat. 4:30 pm – Rosemary and Anthony Sung †

## READINGS FOR – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48



## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 are now available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact the church at 905-881-1534

## 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.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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

**not** to use old/expired envelopes or envelopes from other churches. This may compromise your donation. When using WELCOME ENVELOPES (pink) please do not assign your own envelope number. Please request a box of SUNDAY OFFERING envelopes so you have an assigned number. This also helps the counters to efficiently do their task.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

### GOING THE EXTRA MILE

In today's Gospel we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says, "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you ..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gift to Him with increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

***"You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you."***



## FAMILY DAY – FEBRUARY 17 2020

The office will be closed on Monday February 17. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Family Day.

## 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.



### *"The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler"*

Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Thursday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Navigating the Health Care System

Guest Speaker: Linda Ind from CHATS Programs and Services

CHATS' Adult Day Programs provide older adults with individualized plans of care, a variety of social and wellness activities and companionship.

## Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Saturday, February 29 to Sunday, March 8  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

3200 Thomas St., Mississauga

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved "Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit." The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

PHONE: 905-826-1143

## 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](mailto:contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)

## 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**.



**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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at [416-968-0997/vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:416-968-0997/vocations@archtoronto.org)

## TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Dir. at 416-968-0997.**



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