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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

 FOR THE WEEK **March 3rd – March 7th**



Tues. 8:30 am – Kevin D’Mello †
Wed. 8:30 am –
Thurs. Noon – In Thanksgiving Agnes Godden
Fri. 8:30 am – Otilia Lee †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Andrea Park †

READINGS FOR – March 8th

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9



Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm with Ashes being distributed at both Masses.

The Stations of the Cross

Commencing this Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Please attend as we follow the path of Christ.



The Rosary

“I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.” The Rosary will be recited at 4:10 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily mass.



LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS

How can we enhance and enrich our Lenten commitment and experience? “Lenten Walk with the Lord” invites you to do one simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. Kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.

FIRST FRIDAY MARCH 6TH



Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you are able, please

commit to a specific time.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus’ own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, triumphs over temptation. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus responded to the Holy Spirit’s direction and went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Through his willingness to enter a weakened state, Jesus showed His love for us and the ways in which we can find strength. Through Him, in Him and with Him, we can find renewal, freedom and the joy we seek.

The temptations, to which our Lord allowed himself to be submitted, are for us a source of encouragement and consolation. If our Lord and master underwent temptation, we cannot and must not expect to live a Christian life without experiencing similar tests and trials. The three temptations Satan put to our Lord were suggestions to forget his purpose in life--his messianic mission of redemption. He was urged to get all the bodily comforts of life, all the self-glory which men could give him, and all the possessions and power this world has to offer.

Today, let each one of us look into our hearts and honestly examine our reactions to these temptations. Do we imitate our Savior and leader, and say "be gone Satan"? Our purpose in life is not to collect its treasures, its honors or its pleasures. We are here for a few short years, to merit the unending life which Christ has won for us. Would we be so foolish as to swap our inheritance for a mere mess of pottage?

FEED THE HUNGRY

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT



Next 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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**



2020 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY
Saturday, March 7, 2020
9:00 am to 5:30 pm
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

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

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ShareLife Sunday
March 29, 2020

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Ministry with Maturing Adults
Winter Program

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

Thursday, March 5 – The Wisdom of Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B. THE GIFT OF YEARS – Growing Older Gracefully

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone 905-881-1534

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