

# 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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 8, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK



March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Thomas Luk †

Wed. 8:30 am – Jon Bouwmeister †

Thurs. Noon – Sp. Intention Myranda Ngoy

Fri. 8:30 am – In Thanksgiving – Mar Family

Sat. 4:30 pm – Araujo Family †

## READINGS FOR – March 15<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42



## Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

### 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.



“Whenever we’re in trouble, whenever it seems that our little world is being threatened, when it seems like the rattle of sabres is going to lead us to another destructive war or, even worse, that the very earth from under us creaks and quakes in seeming protest to the world that we have created, and whenever we feel that, especially these days, that we can only live day by day, because, in a way, the future is dark and the future is treacherous and the future is not even to be guessed at but only hoped that it will be better than the present, these are the times when we seek Jesus and we think of Jesus, who gave His own disciples His vision before He suffered these things, that they might restore their faith in who He was and what He came to be.”

Fr. Hanly

Second Sunday of



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

“His face shone like the sun.”

In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them



and briefly “discloses His Divine glory”. Moreover, “the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body.”

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that “He was made man that we might be made God.”

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that “God wishes human beings to be His collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

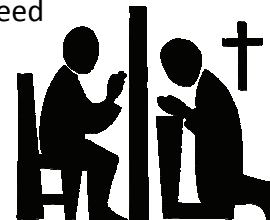
## LENTEN DAYS OF CONFESSION

Please mark your calendars now and make the time to attend our Bi-Annual Day of Reconciliation on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (One Priest)**

**Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Four priests will be available)** If you need

help especially if you have been away for some time simply ask the priest and he will help you by “walking” you through the steps to make a good confession.



**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)

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**ShareLife Sunday  
March 29, 2020**

**"FEED MY LAMBS"**



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all

other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot meal for 10 homeless people at the Good Shepherd Centre.

**Flower Collection for Easter  
March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Masses  
Donations will help brighten up the church!**



**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 – Good Shepherd Parish**

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

**Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

"Encountering Christ in the Sick and Dying" - Based on the insights of Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Register: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca) or phone 905-881-1534

**"The Miracle of  
The Cards"**

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Craig Shergold (Thomas Sangster) is an eight year old cancer patient who, during the course of his treatment, manages to shock the world by breaking The Guinness World Record for receiving get-well cards, amassing an astounding 1.3 million cards from around the globe. But as amazing as that is, it's only the beginning of the miracles. This heart-warming story of love and faith in the face of death, will bring tears to your eyes and make even the toughest sceptics examine their own faith.





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