



# 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**

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# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 20, 2020

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

### MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Carlton DePass †

Wed. 8:30 am –

Thurs. Noon –

Fri. 8:30 am – Vicky Fisher †

Sat. 4:30 pm –

### READINGS FOR – September 27<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32



### Toronto Serra Clubs

God has made each of us in His image and likeness. When He created you, He willed in you a specific purpose that can bring deep fulfillment and profound joy. A vocation is the particular way that God calls you to live out your life.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or e-mail [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Diaper Drive for Rosalie Hall

The CWL will be collecting items such as diapers, baby wipes, onesies, sleepers and outfits for the babies at Rosalie Hall. Posters, with additional information, are in the church lobby.



Members of the CWL will be at all masses to answer questions. Due to Covid restrictions, the collection of all items will take place on Sept. 26 & 27 only, before or after the three masses.

### 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 ten underprivileged people.



Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.

At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of its parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org). In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.



We have received approval from the Archdiocese to go ahead with Masses for First Communion celebrations. For the children initially registered for First Communion in 2020, effected by COVID, this will take place on **Sunday November 1st at 3pm** and **Sunday November 8th at 3pm**, to divide the group in half. These will be dedicated Masses for the First Communion candidates, so that each family has an entire pew to themselves, to be able to invite up to 10 members from your circles to attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout, with details closer to the dates.



You can send me your preferred date, and I will confirm it once your child's preparation process is complete (as below). If you are not able to commit to either date, let me know so we can explore options. If you and your family do not think your child is ready to receive this year, they are welcome to join next year's 2021 class (please let us know when registration opens in October).

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



In light of the present situation, Special Collections have been allocated to different dates. Please note the dates for the following Special Collections:

**Needs in The Holy Land – September 19-20**

**Needs of the Church in Canada – September 26-27**

**The Pope's Pastoral Works – October 3-4**

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions, recognizing we have a duty to care for the most vulnerable among us.

### RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

**SEPTEMBER 25 – 27, 2020**

You are cordially invited to spend a weekend of peace, joy and great spiritual intimacy in silence with our triune God at the holy ground of Manresa with the retreat theme: "Let's Start at the Very Beginning" with Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ.

For more information and reservation, please contact Tony Salvosa at (416)494-0560 or email [tonydsalv@hotmail.com](mailto:tonydsalv@hotmail.com)



### THE WORD THIS WEEK

**"Why be envious, because I am generous?"**

We live in a culture that wants us to believe that our personal wealth, influence or possessions are what make us valuable. We are encouraged to compete, to measure ourselves against our friends, loved ones and neighbours. Who has more money? Who has a nicer car? Who works harder? We are greedy and fearful because it is a precarious way to live – at any given moment we could lose our place to someone who has hoarded more.



Like the labourers in the vineyard, we challenge God about the perceived inequity of our situation. It hard to accept that living a long life of loving and faithful service can net the same eternal reward as an eleventh-hour conversion and repentance that follows a lifetime of depravity. It's like a get-into-heaven-free card for a Johnny-come-lately who previously had not demonstrated a smidgen of love, compassion or care for God or neighbour. Each of us has a decision to make. Do we spend our lives competing and living with the fear of being found wanting? Or do we choose a life of generosity, service and humility, taking our fair share and holding out our hands to help those marginalized by society?

We think and judge with the limited human understanding provided us. God sees all and judges with infinite knowledge. The get-into-free card can only be played if the holder has had a true conversion and comes to know Jesus personally as their Saviour. We ought to rejoice that God's infinite compassion and forgiveness can offer us the eternal reward promised for a life well-lived instead of fretting that someone else may not have merited the same benefit.

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**ShareLife agencies need your support during Covid-19** Vita Centre is ShareLife-funded agency that provides practical support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting young women in Peel Region. "In a post-Covid environment, the biggest challenge that we will face is ensuring we have enough funding to continue our programs," says Tanya Pereira, of Vita Centre. With your support, Vita Centre can continue to ensure young mothers and their babies benefit from a healthy start. **October 11 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**



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