

# 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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

email: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca)

website: [goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org](http://goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org)

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 25, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



**Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am – Yam Family †

Wed. 8:30 am – Protection of the Unborn - Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – In Thanksgiving – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 am – Special Intentions

Sat. 4:30 pm – Anita Fung †

## READINGS FOR – November 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a



## DISTRIBUTION OF 2021 PARISH OFFERTORY BOXES

Weekend of October 31 and November 1, we will distribute Offertory Envelopes with last names beginning with the letter **K through Z**.



Please enter the hall two at a time leaving enough space for social distancing in the hall and the foyer. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during this pandemic. Please avoid touching other boxes when picking up. Once you have picked up your envelopes please exit through the parish hall doors. Arrangements can also be made to pick up envelopes through the office during business hours (Monday through Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Please call in advance at 905-881-1534. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ALL SOULS DAY MASS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 8:30 A.M.

"I encourage Catholics to pray fervently for the dead, for their family members and for all our brothers and sisters who have died, that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their sins and may hear the Lord's call: 'Come, O my dear soul, to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness, which has prepared eternal delights for you.'"

Pope John Paul II

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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.



### Serving the Deaf Community

ShareLife-funded agencies are on the front line of the Covid-19 pandemic. One of these agencies, Silent Voice, serves the Deaf community.

They report being “in overdrive” as they work remotely to help Deaf children and youth. They are also helping deaf people navigate the complex and ever-changing relief programs, restrictions and announcements, which are often not accessible to deaf people. Your gift to ShareLife ensures they can continue this work.

**November 8 is the next ShareLife Sunday. From now through November 8, you can double the impact of your donation. A generous donor is matching gifts up to \$500,000. Please give during the special collection or anytime using the ShareLife envelopes at the back of the church. You can also give securely online at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).”**

*Cardinal Thomas Collins*



The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2021. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for

young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 27 beginning at 7:30 pm. We invite you to register at [ApplySMCS.com](https://ApplySMCS.com). St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

### Ministry with Maturing Adults

You are invited to a presentation on Zoom by Dr. Mark Wise.

Topic: **“A Pertinent Pandemic Potpourri”**

Date: November 5, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m.

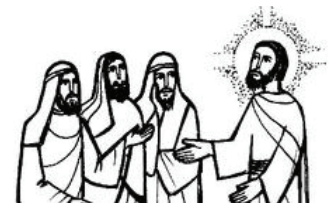
Dr. Wise will talk about the COVID-19 pandemic and related issues like infections, public health and vaccines.

Please email or call the office to get the Zoom link.

Facilitator: Viola Athaide

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

**“You must love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.”**

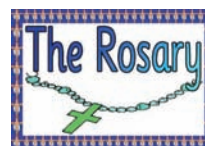


Silenced. Through the stunning simplicity of His message, Jesus sometimes left his listeners absolutely speechless. The truth of His message could not be argued. It simply stood there as fact.

Light-heartedly, we might chuckle as we note that they chose a lawyer to question Him. Their spokesperson was someone accustomed to winning arguments. They were represented by someone skilled in the art of asking questions that were often intended to intimidate. Jesus was not cowed, but responded with confidence.

With pinpoint accuracy, Jesus focuses on the heart of the matter: love. Love of God, love of self and love of neighbour. He cuts through the multitude of rules and regulations that direct and dictate our words and actions. Jesus simply silences all the confusing questions.

In the midst of our confounding and confusing times, it might be helpful if we simply stop and quietly ask ourselves: What is the most loving thing to do – right now – for myself and for the other? Imagine how quickly anger, sarcasm, hatred and violence could be transformed into words and actions that are loving. This is not easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere. May God's grace help us to receive “the word with joy,” seeking continuously to be people of justice, living our faith in a way that makes love known.



### The Rosary

Join us at 4:10 p.m. each Saturday as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily Mass.

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.



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