



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Nov. 15, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK



Nov. 10th - Nov. 14th

Tues. 8:30 am – Gerry & Rita de Souza †
Wed. 8:30 am – Teresa Oliveira †
Thurs. Noon – Frank Flanagan †
Fri. 8:30 am – Jack & Hilda Williams †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Vanessa Kilp †



READINGS FOR – November 22nd

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

DISTRIBUTION OF 2021 PARISH OFFERTORY BOXES

Offertory Envelopes are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please enter two at a time leaving enough space for social distancing. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during this pandemic. 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.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 15 November 2020

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (*Sir* 7:32). Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. *Mt* 25:40).

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. 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.





THE WORD THIS WEEK

"You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness."

Today's gospel challenges us to think about what we bring

to life's table. It's time to take stock: *What are my gifts? How will I contribute? If life is a potluck, what will I bring?*

This may be difficult for some of us. Instead of seeing what we do have, we obsess over the many ingredients we lack. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the Master's return, when we can hand over to Him not just what He gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

God has equipped us with exact ingredients. Don't let them expire. Today, take stock and thank God for your gifts. As for His help to get cooking with them because the world craves that only you can bring to the table.

NOVEMBER SOAP COLLECTION



The CWL is requesting your support in collecting soap for Canadian Feed the Children Foundation. The soap will be used to help stop the spread of the COVID 19 virus in countries

where CFCF are working. Hand soap is what is most needed, both bars and liquid, either in bulk or in dispensers. Collection boxes will be at the entrance to the Church for the month of November. Thank you for your generosity.

ShareLife

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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2020 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a bright future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. Donations will continue to be credited to this year's campaign until November 30, 2020. To date our collection total is **\$95,650.00**. Our goal of **\$123,000.00** is in reach. The need is always there and we gratefully accept donations throughout the year. Donations are also accepted online at www.sharelife.org. Please continue to give to this worthy cause and help us reach our goal.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will **not** be a fundraising campaign for the Shepherd's Trust this year. (No collection this weekend.) Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/. All contributions to The Shepherd's Trust will be sent to the chancery and receipted accordingly. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Family at the Heart of Formation

Virtual Archdiocesan Gathering of Families

Saturday, November 28, 2020 10:00 am to 9:15 pm
**ONLINE EVENT HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF FORMATION FOR
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Cardinal Thomas Collins is pleased to invite families from across the diocese to our third annual virtual archdiocesan gathering of families! Our family day will include: prayer; praise and worship; games; Scripture; teaching; a Q&A with Cardinal Collins; family activity challenges; and a parent talk and discussion session with lay evangelist, Patrick Sullivan. Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us for both online Zoom sessions and offline activities.

There is no cost to attend, but capacity is limited so register early! One ticket per household.

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