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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Nov. 22, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Nov. 24th - Nov. 28th

Tues. 8:30 am – George Peter Lee †
Wed. 8:30 am – Special Intentions
Thurs. Noon – Cecilia Toscano †
Fri. 8:30 am – Delia Freixa †
Sat. 4:30 pm – In Thanksgiving Lee Family

READINGS FOR – November 29th

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17;
64.1, 3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37



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.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale **IF WE RECEIVE from supplier** this weekend. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



COLLECTION FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS December 5th & 6th

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.

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

"He will take his seat on His throne of glory, and He will separate men one from another"



Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is a grand and mighty title given to our Lord, as we acknowledge that He is King of Heaven and Earth. Jesus, however, does not call on us to treat him like royalty. Instead, He commands that we pay homage to Him by caring for His people. The Gospel is clear: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger. Jesus plainly tells us that by doing for others, we are doing for Jesus himself. Conversely, when we fail to care for another and his or her needs, we fail to care for Jesus. All who have answered Christ's call of discipleship and who love and care for others, will inherit the Kingdom He has prepared for us. There is an abundance of wisdom in the readings the Church has chosen for this special day. Surely, it is no accident that on the same day that we honor Jesus as King, He is also referred to as shepherd. One title appears grand and mighty. The other seems humble and unassuming, but both are integrally tied to the meaning of this feast. So today we will look back at this past year's journey with Jesus. But we are also looking forward to our journey this coming year, as we express each week our Faith in the transforming power of God at work in our world, and in our Church, and in our lives to restore all of creation to His purposes. Today we seek the grace to practise and to encourage, through our prayers and our actions, the kind of shepherd leadership modelled by Jesus.

"God is the true shepherd who gathers his flock under the righteousness of Jesus (Jeremiah 23:1-6)."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. We collected forty casseroles and two pounds of other food items. The Good Shepherd Centre is grateful for the support provided by our parishioners. Your help supports seniors, people living on disability payments, people earning minimum wage and homeless men and women.

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.



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 DISCIPLESHIP, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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.

REGISTER: www.archtoronto.org/family

CONTACT: 416-934-3400 ext. 569

EMAIL: aparente@archtoronto.org

Advent Retreat with Archbishop Richard Smith

Saturday, December 5, 2020 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE NEWMAN CENTRE Newman Centre Catholic Mission invites you to join our Advent retreat with the Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton. He was ordained on May 23, 1987 and pursued further studies in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, earning a Licence in 1993 and a Doctorate in 1998. He was installed as the seventh archbishop of Edmonton on May 1, 2007. There will be two 30-minute talks with a chance to mingle virtually. Donations gratefully accepted towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Rosary Church.

REGISTER: <https://adventretreat2020.eventbrite.ca>

CONTACT: lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com

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