



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

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Nov. 29, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Dec. 1st - Dec. 5th

Tues. 8:30 am – Viktor Kilp †

Wed. 8:30 am – Valentina Kondukova – Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Pietro Mollicone †

Fri. 8:30 am – Betsy Abarquez †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Elton Jardine †

READINGS FOR – December 6th

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel: Mark 1.1-8



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.



FIRST FRIDAY December 4th

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

December 5th & 6th

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



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

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 Ladies of the CWL would like to express their sincere thanks to the parishioners who so generously supported the “Soap” Drive to help stop the spread of the COVID 19 virus in countries

where CFCF are working.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Gift Cards (all grocery stores/ Walmart/Shopper’s Drug Mart) after all Masses starting this weekend and will continue for the next several weeks. Please do not exceed donations for more than \$25.00. As we begin Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need assistance to get through the holidays. **Please place gift cards in the gift card baskets at the back of the church.**



Humanitarian Relief – Philippines Relief Effort



In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines is struggling through one of the worst typhoon seasons in decades after six significant storms made landfall on the

Southeast Asian nation in just three weeks. The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting humanitarian relief donations to help those affected by these devastating disasters.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website (click on the “Donate Now” button at the top of the page): www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Philippines Relief Effort – Disaster Relief



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.

HAPPY ADVENT SEASON

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 2021

Given pandemic restrictions, sacramental preparation for children in Grade 2 or older, will comprise of guided use of texts and online resources to help prepare your child at home providing virtual events, and situation permitting, some in-person sessions/retreats to support preparation. First Communion will be planned for Sunday June 6th with additional dates depending on number of candidates and pandemic situation. Registration will occur by email. Please contact coordinator Nisha Fernandes (nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca) to receive the registration form that can be filled and returned via email or in the collection basket along with a copy of your child’s baptism certificate. A fee of \$30.00 for books and resources will be collected (cheques or cash dropped off to the parish office in the collection basket). If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Nisha by email or at 516-567-3626.



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