



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Dec. 13, 2020



Dec. 15th - Dec. 19th

Tues. 8:30 am – Winston & Christina Ferguson †

Wed. 8:30 am – Larry Garcia †

Thurs. Noon – Ivor Wroughton †

Fri. 8:30 am – Carolina Girod - Sp. Intention

Sat. 4:30 pm – Joseph & Zulema Coutinho †

READINGS FOR – December 20th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38



2021 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale this weekend (\$5.00). 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.



DISPOSING OF SUNDAY MISSALS

The Word of God is to be disposed of properly since it is through God's word that the world was created. It is recommended that 2019 Sunday missals and *Living with Christ* monthly missals be burned and the ashes buried, ideally in a sacred place.



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



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 Arch. of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY WORKS

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. 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.**

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent we will be accepting donations for our annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR." Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre. Be the Face of Love for someone struggling today. You can help bring joy, hope and dignity to those who really need it. Christmas is a time when people are yearning to know that someone cares. You can make this Christmas special for those who are less fortunate in our city.

FEED MY LAMBS

Casseroles will be collected this weekend. We thank those who have been committed to this program and invite all parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for ten underprivileged people at the Good Shepherd Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 2021

Given pandemic restrictions, sacramental guidance for children in Grade 2 or older will be available on-line and, situation permitting, 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. Please contact Nisha Fernandes to receive the registration form at nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca. Completed forms can be returned via email or dropped off to the parish office or collection basket along with a copy of baptismal certificate and payment of \$30.00 (cash/cheques) to cover costs. If you have any questions please contact Nisha by email or at 416-567-3626.



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

HOLY OBLIGATION

04:30 P.M.

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE

04:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

With Christmas approaching and due to capacity restrictions, we are asking parishioners to register for CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES ONLY. This will be done through our website using the link "REGISTER FOR MASS". You will be able to register for Christmas Masses on December 22nd starting at 12:00 noon until December 23rd closing at 2:00 p.m. This applies to New Year's Masses as well. Registration will begin on December 29th at 12:00 noon until December 30th closing at 2:00 p.m. All Masses leading up to Christmas will be on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. Families from the same household may sit together, but one ticket is required per person. We recognize these additional restrictions are challenging. So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation for Sunday Mass for those who may not be able to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. For those parishioners who are not able to attend, we encourage you to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A list is available at www.archtoronto.org. Our faith remains our most powerful source of strength and comfort through these very difficult days of pandemic. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones!

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