



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

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 31, 2021



Feb. 2nd - Feb. 6th

Tuesday - Kwan-Hsing Lee †
Wednesday - Lia Rina Castillo
Thursday - Leticia Lorin Aming †
Friday - Michael Cerisano †
Saturday - Helena D'Souza †



READINGS FOR – February 7th

1st Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22.23

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

The Word This Week



Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but

the authority behind it: they are convinced because what He does somehow adds credibility to what He says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognized that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.



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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTHONY

We want to thank all the parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, Premier Ford announced that emergency measures need to be taken in York Region. For this reason, as of Monday, December 14th, we must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member. Sadly, due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. I will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19. Our church will remain open **TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.** for private prayer and for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.). First Holy Communion and Confirmations will need to be postponed at this time.

I recognize the significant spiritual suffering that these restrictions have placed both upon our clergy and the faithful that look to us for guidance and direction. As we have demonstrated our ability to safely worship together, I trust that we will soon be able to fully resume public worship.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

There will be no designated handout date for empty casserole pans/lids. Please contact Frank Lamie (905-881-6051) or Ken Cornforth (905-889-9968) to make arrangements. You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected on Saturday, February 20th between 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Your contributions help feed many in need during this very difficult time. Thank you to all who participate and support this worthy cause.

Parish Mass Live Stream

Sunday mass at the Good Shepherd Parish will be live streamed at 9:00 a.m. for your participation. Access is provided through the website under "News and Events". On the menu bar select "Parish Mass Videos" and follow the "View Parish Mass Videos" link. A video recording of the mass will also be available shortly after the completion of the mass.

We may pray this

Act of Spiritual Communion when we are not able to be physically present at Mass:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself. If wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Interreligious Dialogue on Ecology: Pope Francis and Asian Religions on the Protection of the Environment

Thursday, February 11 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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This lecture will first summarize Pope Francis's teaching on the care for the Earth, our common home, as expressed in *Laudato Si'* and *Querida Amazonia*. Next, it will explore how the papal teaching can find support in Asian religions, especially Daoism and Buddhism. It will conclude with reflections on how this interreligious dialogue can be a source of inspiration for our common work for ecojustice.

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