



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 7, 2021



Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday - Jean Luc Zufferey †  
Wednesday - Angelina & John Loparco †  
Thursday -  
Friday -  
Saturday - Ignatius Kwan †



## READINGS FOR – February 14<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1  
Gospel: Mark 1.40-45

## The Word This Week

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by His actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow Him. Each of His miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which He is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but His miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away forever. Jesus knew His mission. He had no time to waste. Do we dare ask for that grace of urgency? We can try. Start each day in prayer, treat everyone we meet as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and stay alert for God's invitations to live ever more deeply in His love and mercy.



## 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](mailto: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.



Thomas Cardinal Collins is granting permission for parishes to conduct modified Ash Wednesday services. A reminder that, at this time, no more than 10 people (including the celebrant) may be present inside the church. The Cardinal is also granting permission for parishes to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 17) as well as on Thursday, February 18 and Friday, February 19.

To register, please call the office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on February, 10, 15 or 16. Arrive at the church at the prescribed time. Ten (10) people max.

### Ash Wednesday Services

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 18

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### 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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### TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be mailed by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



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