



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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 14, 2021



Feb. 16th - Feb. 20th

Tuesday - Daphne Chung †
Wednesday -
Thursday -
Friday -
Saturday - Mark Williams †

READINGS FOR – February 21st

1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15
Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22
Gospel: Mark 1.12-15



2nd

The Word This Week

"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."



Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if He wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!" We may see leprosy as a metaphor of brokenness in this story. Can we recognize that we, as well as our society, suffer from various sorts of brokenness? Might we also need to kneel before Jesus requesting the deepest healing for which humanity yearns? Is today a new opportunity for each of us to choose to accept Jesus' challenge to fully love our neighbour?



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.

FAMILY DAY – FEBRUARY 15 2021

The office will be open on Monday February 15. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Family Day.

Parish Mass Live Stream



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.

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"

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.



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2020 will be mailed by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 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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