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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](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021



Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 -

Wednesday 8:30 - Kevin D'Mello †

Thursday Noon - Oscar Castillo †

Friday 8:30 - Helen D'Souza – Sp. Int.

Saturday 4:30 - Otilia Lee †

## READINGS FOR – March 7<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinth. 1.18, 22-25++

Gospel: John 2.13-25



## The Word This Week

### "This is my Son, the Beloved."



Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward whom we must tend and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness

and need of a Redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combating our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass.

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil.

Today, Christ invites us to the Eucharistic banquet, where earth and heaven are joined. Here Christ is transformed to be our food and drink, so we in turn will be transformed and share this precious nourishment with our hungry world.

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
"WATCH AND LISTEN"

## 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 it 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.



## WE ARE OPEN

As of Monday, February 22, 2021, York Region will return to the Covid-19 Response Framework and will be placed in the **Red (Control) Zone**. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, York now joins Durham, Simcoe and Orangeville in this designation. A reminder that Red Zone restrictions for places of worship are 30% capacity (observing physical distancing) for liturgical/sacramental celebrations (Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Reconciliation). Worship Safe guidelines must be followed. As a reminder, seats are available on a first come, first served basis. For those who prefer on-line streaming, this will remain available until we can all attend Mass together.



## SOCKS COLLECTION

We generously received 45 casseroles and 3 pounds of other food for Good Shepherd Centre and with very short notice, were able to provide very much needed socks. We will continue to collect socks for the next few weeks. Please drop off your donation Monday through Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Your contributions help many in need during this very difficult time. Thank you to all who participate and support all these worthy causes.

**Flower Collection for Easter**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Masses**  
**Donations will help brighten up the church!**



## Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: “Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say.”
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



## Reading Our Way to God:

### A Webinar Featuring Dr. Tod Worner

**Thursday, March 11, 2021 07:30 PM - 08:30 PM**

St. Jerome wrote, “When we pray, we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us.” Join us as we interview Dr. Tod Worner (managing editor of Evangelization & Culture, the journal of the Word on Fire Institute) about the power of great literature for forming us into better Catholics, better servants of Christ — and more impactful Christian citizens. Whether you’re an avid reader or want to become one, you’ll leave our conversation feeling inspired to pursue reading as more than a hobby — you’ll learn how reading can be a prayer and a method of spiritual formation.

Our guest, Tod Worner, is a practicing internal medicine physician who lectures and offers rotations on medicine and literature for the University of Minnesota Medical School and teaches “The Art of Healing” at St. John’s University. He is the managing editor of Evangelization & Culture, the journal of the Word on Fire Institute. He has written for the New York Post, National Review, Word on Fire and numerous other publications. Mostly, Tod is a proud husband and father who is delighted to be constantly outsmarted by his two young daughters.

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