



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 7, 2021



Mar. 9th - Mar. 13th

Tuesday 8:30 -

Wednesday 8:30 -

Thursday Noon - Teresa Quigley †

Friday 8:30 -

Saturday 4:30 - Thomas Luk †

READINGS FOR – March 14th

1st Reading: Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21



The Word This Week

"Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up."



This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the

Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and He is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - Himself - since He is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in His death, will He rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy. We celebrate and affirm both our identity as members of Christ's Body and our sharing in the divine life. We pray God may grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we who celebrate together may be gathered into one Body in Christ.

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.





Church News

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.

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

Third Sunday of
Lent
We Reform

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.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

With the ongoing restrictions and protocols in place, 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, March 20th between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

SOCKS COLLECTION

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 these very difficult times. Thank you to all who participate and support these worthy causes.



Flower Collection for Easter
March 13th and 14th Masses

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