

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 2021



Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 - Veronica Darneau †  
Wednesday 8:30 - Dr. Andrew Frieri †  
Thursday Noon - Krista Forsey †  
Friday 8:30 - Special Intention  
Saturday 4:30 - Teresa Quigley †

## READINGS FOR – March 21<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34++  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9  
Gospel: John 12.20-33



## The Word This Week



*"God sent his Son, so that through Him the world might be saved."*

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt, the other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other. The endless generosity of God's gracious love and mercy can only inspire and strengthen us. Every reading reminds us that we are not condemned: we are loved. We are invited to enjoy that love for all eternity. In the midst of our Lenten journey, we pause and celebrate.



## 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.



## CONFESSION

Father Anthony will be available for face to face confessions on:

**Tuesday March 23**

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Wednesday March 24**

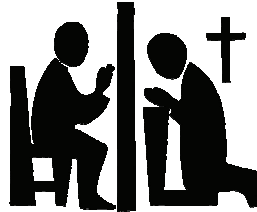
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Thursday March 25**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Please be mindful to the protocols to ensure a safe environment for all. Wear a mask, keep socially distanced and sanitize your hands. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

With Easter approaching and due to capacity restrictions, we are asking parishioners to register for **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES ONLY**. This will be done through our website using the link **“REGISTER FOR MASS”**. The dates and times for registration will be posted in the next bulletin and on our Website. Mass will also be Live Streamed on Easter Sunday. Our faith remains our most powerful source of strength and comfort through these very difficult days of pandemic. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones!



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Masses**  
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