

# 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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 21, 2021



Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 - Virginia Puscas †

Wednesday 8:30 -

Thursday Noon - Teresa Quigley †

Friday 8:30 - Dominic Yam Sp. Intention

Saturday 4:30 - Mary D'Souza †

READINGS FOR – March 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1 – 15.47



## The Word This Week

**"Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty."**



In today's gospel, Jesus battles a troubled soul, even raising the possibility of asking the Father to save Him from death on the cross. But Jesus does not give that possibility a real hearing. Instead He quickly concludes

that such an undignified death is the reason for His time on earth. He was sent here to glorify God. This message can help us get passed our inclination to forgo fasting, prayer and charity because there inconvenient, beyond our comfort zone or downright painful.

Jesus talks about the grain of wheat that must die to bear fruit. We grapple with that message every day. Jesus is telling us to die to ourselves, to let go of our lives in this world so that we can live for God. Only then can we keep our lives for eternity.

Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasizing the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in Him.

## 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.




## REGISTRATION FOR MASSES

**With Palm Sunday and Holy Week approaching and due to capacity restrictions, we invite you to register for Masses. Families from the same household may sit together, but one ticket is required per person. This will be done through our website using the link – "REGISTER FOR MASS."**

All Palm Sunday Masses require registration: Saturday March 27th at 4:30 and Sunday March 28th, 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

For those parishioners who do not have access to a computer, the office will take enrollment by phone on Monday, March 22, 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. For those registering using the link on the website "REGISTER FOR MASS", this will be available starting Tuesday March 23 at 10:00 am until Wednesday at 2:00 pm.





# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

With Holy Week upon us, we will have the same registration guidelines as Palm Sunday. The times and dates for registration will be posted on our Website and also in the bulletin to assist with your planning Holy Week. Thank you for your patience and continued co-operation during these challenging days.

## 2021 Virtual Ontario Prayer Breakfast

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**07:30 AM - 08:30 AM**

**ON-LINE**

The 53rd Ontario Prayer Breakfast will be held virtually this year on Monday, March 29 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Join us at the beginning of Holy Week as we enjoy a time of prayer, musical reflection and hear from individuals whose faith has sustained and guided them on the frontline of care and ministry during the pandemic.

Complimentary registration and more information can be found at: [www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca](http://www.ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca).

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*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

## 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.



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MINISTRIES**

## SOCKS COLLECTION

We will be collecting socks the weekend of March 20/21. Please drop off your donation in the church foyer. Your contributions help many in need during these very difficult times. Thank you to all who participate and support these worthy causes.



## 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"*



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