



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
James Shaughnessy

## **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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# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday - Vishal Joseph Injodey †  
Wednesday - Helena D'Souza – Sp. Int.  
Thursday - Teresa Quigley †  
Friday - Adrian Van Maren †  
Saturday - Kathleen Ross Waugh †

READINGS FOR – April 11<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4.32-35  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5.1-6  
Gospel: John 20.19-31



## The Word This Week

**"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord."**

Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians.

In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

Let us join together this Easter to be powerful witnesses of hope to our communities. Let us demonstrate the transformative love of the cross and the hope of resurrection by living our lives with boldness and fidelity. Most important, let us be renewed in the love of Christ who sustains us.



*Dear Parishioners:*

***"Jesus Christ is risen today!  
Alleluia!"***

*Our Lord has conquered sin and death. The Good Shepherd is with us to guide us safely through this life to his Heavenly Kingdom.*

*It's quite a year. During these unprecedented times of pandemic which has led to so much despair, we are privileged that we could once again celebrate Holy Week as a time for renewal and hope. My Easter message to all of you is: "It wasn't nails that held him to the cross but His love for you and me. Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy. Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart. 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given. He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crucified for our iniquities and by His wounds we are healed. It's not about the bunny, it's about the Lamb. Jesus didn't say, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." He was just getting started."*

*As your pastor, I am grateful for all the hard work of so many people: lectors, ushers, choir and musicians, the enhancement committee and those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers.*

*The faith commitment of the people and families who make up Good Shepherd Parish bears witness to the reality of the resurrection. Truly, the risen Lord is with us and dwells among us.*

*On behalf of Ornella, our Parish Administrator, our Deacons Michael Gennaro & James Shaughnessy, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter!*

*God bless you, Father Anthony*



## 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.



## Parish Mass Live Stream

Easter 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"*



### Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings.

During this time of COVID-19 we would like to extend heart felt gratitude to you for your ongoing financial support of ShareLife. It is your support that allows us to serve those communities who are in need. Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. You can learn more about P.A.G. at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

**April 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

## Ministry with Maturing Adults **LIVING GRACEFULLY DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Inviting men and women 50+ for our Zoom sessions on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 9:30 am.

What we Lost and Found during the Pandemic Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:30 am

Do you know how wise you are today?

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