



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 11, 2021



Apr. 13th - Apr. 17th

Tuesday 8:30 - Amelia Lee †
Wednesday 8:30 - Angelo Iacobelli †
Thursday Noon - Osbert D'Sylva †
Friday 8:30 - Isabella Oliveira †
Saturday 4:30 - John Ambrozic †

READINGS FOR – April 18th

1st Reading: Act 3.13-15, 17-19
2nd Reading: 1 John 2.1-5
Gospel: Luke 24.35-48



The Word This Week

“Eight days later, Jesus came.”



After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just His appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from His ministry which reveal the risen life He now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through “real time”, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection; with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

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.



The Government of Ontario announced a province-wide lockdown to slow the spread of COVID-19. Parishes will respect the 15 per cent capacity limit and follow worship safe guidelines. As a reminder, seats are available on a first come, first served basis for all Masses and we will continue to livestream Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, continues the dispensation for those who cannot attend Mass during the pandemic. As Cardinal Collins writes in his letter, "In the midst of this spiritual distress, we must not lose sight that through the storm we are experiencing, Jesus remain the way, the truth and the life."

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



**GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES**

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend.

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 before each Mass on Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



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?

Please register with the church office to get your Zoom link. Our Zumba (exercise and dance) continues every Friday from 9:30 - 10 am.



The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million.

Our parish goal is \$123,200.00

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Resisting Throwaway Culture: How a Consistent Life Ethic Can Unite Us

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

07:30 PM - 08:30 PM

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE

Ours is a "throwaway culture," in the words of Pope Francis — one in which the vulnerable are too-often discarded like trash. It doesn't have to be this way. In his book, *Resisting Throwaway Culture*, Fordham University professor Charles Camosy calls us to transcend the left-right political divide in favour of a Catholic culture of hospitality and encounter where "no one is useless, no one is expendable... [and includes] those on the peripheries of life." Join us for a free webinar with Professor Camosy about how a Consistent Life Ethic can unite us and build this political culture, one rooted in love and human dignity.

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