



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 18, 2021



Apr. 20th - Apr. 24th

Tuesday 8:30 - Souls of the Deceased †
Wednesday 8:30 - Wing Yee Au †
Thursday Noon - Agnes Mueller †
Friday 8:30 - Betsy Abarquez †
Saturday 4:30 - Ignatius Kwan †

READINGS FOR – April 25th

1st Reading: Act 4.7-12
2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-2
Gospel: John 10.11-18



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. Why do fear and doubt arise in our hearts when Jesus calls us to something new? His death was the ultimate proof that His love for us knows no bounds. Just as he prepared the disciples for their mission, so He will prepare us for ours. 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.

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 Province of Ontario announced a “Stay-at-Home Order” to take effect on April 8 for a period of one month. The announcement **does not** change current restrictions for places of worship. We will continue with the following guidelines: attendance is limited to 15 per cent capacity 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. Thank you for your continued co-operation and vigilance with all health and safety measures during these challenging days. It is very much appreciated.

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

Ministry with Maturing Adults LIVING GRACEFULLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Inviting men and women 50+ for our Zoom session on:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:30 am

Topic:

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

“Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part.”

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

Bundle Up for Saint Vincent de Paul!

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share with others on May 22nd and 23rd. A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts.

The truck will be on site on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass. Thank you for your continued support.



St. Michael's College School

Spring Virtual Open House Saturday, April 24, 2021

09:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Online

Join us for our first Spring Virtual Open House. Learn about our in-person and online hybrid model of learning during COVID-19. See our school in action! Meet our Admissions team and ask your questions during a LIVE Q&A, plus much more!

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