



# 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

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2021



**Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday 8:30 - John Coles †  
Wednesday 8:30 - Daphne Chung †  
Thursday Noon - Maria Kosir †  
Friday 8:30 - Wing Yee Au †  
Saturday 4:30 - Jim Howe †

## **READINGS FOR – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Act 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4.7-10  
Gospel: John 15.9-17



## **The Word This Week**

**"The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."**



This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the

Gospel narratives read each year, in which Jesus talks of Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what He has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (His dying and rising): the first reading talks of His name and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in Him we are all God's children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of Himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for His flock, even to the point of giving His life. His words are true and by His dying and rising He has truly saved his flock. God promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, He sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season and today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love.

## **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.





The Province of Ontario announced further restrictions effective April 19, 2021. Public masses are temporarily cancelled. The church will remain open for Private Prayer, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Father Anthony will continue to celebrate private Mass for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from COVID-19. If you require assistance please call the office during business hours (Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm). We recognize the significant stress and anxiety that many people are feeling given the current situation and the frustration and spiritual pain inflicted by these restrictions over the past year. Be assured of my prayers as we face these challenging days.

***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***



**Our parish goal is \$123,200.00**

**Support vocations through ShareLife**

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**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.



### **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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS  
April 25, 2021**



The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. McCarthy at 416-968-0997 (Director of Vocations).



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