



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 2, 2021



May 4th – May 8th

Tuesday 8:30 - Mary & Vincent Lee †
Wednesday 8:30 - Szeto/Chung Family †
Thursday Noon - Francis Kwong †
Friday 8:30 - Helena D'Souza Sp. Int.
Saturday 4:30 - Joanna LaSita †

READINGS FOR – May 9th

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



The Word This Week

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

Jesus invites us in today's Gospel to abide in Him, just as Christ promises to abide in us. The verb to abide is rare in Scripture and even more so in the New Testament outside John's Gospel and letters, although it occurs notably in 1 Corinthians 13:13: "And now faith, hope and love abide."

Today, however, we hear this verb three times in the Second Reading from John's first letter and twice more in the Gospel from John. The common context for these instances of abide is love. If we love as God loves us, obeying God's commandment to show our faith in Christ by our love for one another and for God. John says we will abide in Christ and Christ in us. Conversely, we are reminded in the Gospel that "apart from" Christ, apart from God's love, we "can do nothing."



Love is at the heart of authentic Christian discipleship. Love is both the precondition for, and the fruit of, the mutual abiding relationship between God and us. By our love and God's love for us, we build one another up as Church and we come

to live more intimately the Easter we celebrate. We come to be more fully the image of God who is love and who abides in us, as we abide in God.

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 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

Turning Our Thoughts To Mary in May

"God wills that all His gifts should come to us through Mary"



This is the month in which the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from His throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy.

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.



Reclaiming Love - Theology of the Body

Thursday, May 20, 2021

07:00 PM - 8:30 PM

This virtual event is for Everyone

The realities of masculinity, femininity, and gender, and the relation of these to our identity, are being questioned like never before. In this free webinar, Jason Evert, internationally-known Catholic speaker and author, will lead the discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Speaking the truth in love, he shows how the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us to understand who God created us to be and accompany others on their life's journey. Praise and Worship by Chico Nuguid, a worship leader in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



WHERE: Online Event

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