

# 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](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 9, 2021



May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

- Tuesday - Fr. Norman Dodge †
- Wednesday - Wing Ye Au †
- Thursday - Winston & Christina Ferguson †
- Friday - Michael Leung †
- Saturday - Herculano Mascarenhas †

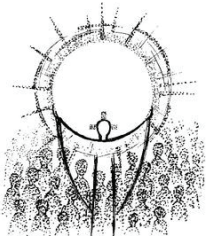
READINGS FOR – May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.1-11
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 1.17-23
- Gospel: Mark 16.15-20



## The Word This Week

**"A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."**



Today's Gospel recounts a moment during the Last Supper, the final evening Jesus spent with his disciples. Earlier during the meal, Jesus had told them that he would be betrayed, he would be denied, he would die. What a somber and sad Passover for his shocked and confused followers.

Jesus has no secrets with his disciples. He opens his heart to them, revealing to them the knowledge the Father has given him and his love for each of them. He demonstrates his profound love and that of his Father by laying down his life for us, suffering and dying on the cross for our salvation. His love has no limits, embracing everyone and giving everything. Jesus invites us to enter into his love and to express this love in our daily lives. This challenging love consists in making sacrifices and reaching out to others freely. It involves loving to the end, with Jesus' same compassion and selflessness. Only if we love one another as he has loved us can we be his true friends. Jesus offers us his love and friendship, a relationship that will transform our lives and give us true joy. Let us accept his offer today by having faith in Him and sharing his merciful love with others.

## Mother's Day Prayer

This Mother's Day is different, God. So many cannot visit their beloved mothers or grandmothers, or the women who have been like



mothers. People feel so lonely because their hands are not held, their arms cannot hug. Other families have had too much togetherness and the past months have been tumultuous with tantrums and fights and frayed tempers and too many words said too quickly. You are the one who hears our lament about what is and what we deeply regret. Others are missing mothers or children who have died; the recently bereaved may not have been able to say in-person goodbyes, they have not been able to have funerals. You are the one who comforts us when we are aching and bereft. Thank you for new babies born in a pandemic, for mothers who birthed them and the doctors and midwives and nurses who assisted. Thank you for all the mothers who are cooking and cleaning, caregiving and homeschooling children who are missing their friends and activities. Hear our prayer for mothers whose patience is stretched to breaking, who are worried about finances or who walk on eggshells around a violent partner. Giver of Life, fill our congregation with love. Open our ears to hear each other's stories so that we can be a community of hope, nurturing each and every person with tenderness and compassion, each one a treasured member of the family of God.



## 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.



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***

### **CASSEROLE COLLECTION**



There will be no designated handout date for empty casserole pans/lids. Please contact Frank Lamie (905-881-6051) or Ken Cornforth (905-889-9968) to make arrangements. 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 on Saturday, May 15th between 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Your contributions help feed many in need during this very difficult time. Thank you to all who participate and support this worthy cause.

## **Bundle Up For Saint Vincent de Paul! Postponed**

Due to pandemic situation, it has been decided to delay this project until the July 24/25 weekend. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will leave a truck in our parking lot for the week-end and it will be staffed by Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus and the ladies of the Catholic Women's League. Please hold on to your items. Thank you for your continued support.



### **SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**

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. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

- 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.

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.



### **Ministry with Maturing Adults Humour in the Second Half of Life**

Inviting men and women 50+ for our Zoom session on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9:30 am. Please register with the church office to get your Zoom link.

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