



# 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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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 2021



## May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday - Muriel Williams †  
Wednesday - Alvera Lamie – Sp. Int.  
Thursday - James Phelan †  
Friday - Souls of the Departed †  
Saturday - In Thanksgiving –  
Christopher & Carlyle Coutinho

## READINGS FOR – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corin. 12.3b-7, 12-13  
Gospel: John 20.19-23



## The Word This Week

**"He was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place."**



Our response to today's accounts of the Ascension of the Lord includes repentance, action and hope. First, we are called to repentance. In today's gospel, the Risen Lord tells us that only those who believe will be saved and that these believers will do such things

as cast out demons and heal the sick. Second, we are called to action: to bear witness to the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth; to preach the Good News to the whole creation. The Son of God has returned to His father in heaven. Finally, we are called to be people of hope. Despite all the struggles in our lives and despite all the suffering that we see in our community and in the world, we can hope: hope that the Risen Lord will come again to fully restore God's kingdom in the world. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

## 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.



## 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.





## Parish Mass Live Stream

Sunday mass at the Good Shepherd Parish will be live streamed at 9:00 a.m. for your participation. Access is provided through the website under "News and Events". On the menu bar select "Parish Mass Videos" and follow the "View Parish Mass Videos" link. A video recording of the mass will also be available shortly after the completion of the mass.

*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***

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## Beacon of Hope, Solidarity and Healing For India Join the Candlelight Vigil on May 16 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

People across Canada and elsewhere, including those least involved with the Covid trauma in India, are primed for action. We cannot just tell people about the dire situation in India, we need to give them the tools to do something about it. So here is something simple that you can do to motivate them not to turn a blind eye to the pain and suffering in distant India.

### **Why is it a Candle?**

Lighting candles is a visible symbol of prayer, hope & solidarity. India needs it at this hour when millions of lives are endangered by Covid-19. This solidarity will bring hope to millions of people of India and a sense of belongingness that the world has not abandoned them.

### **What do I need to do?**

Join the Candlelight Vigil on Sunday May 16, from 7:00 pm and 8 pm to shine a light for Covid-19 victims in India. Step out on the balcony, porch or driveway. Stand on the doorsteps with lit-up candles, flashlights, phones. Place a light in the window or turn on the outside lights. As daylight passes to dusk, keep the light burning into the night. Pause and take a moment to honour and remember the lives lost. Provide comfort to those who continue to grieve for their loved ones and the thousands of tears they have shed. Acknowledge and recognise that they are not alone.

### **CASSEROLE COLLECTION**

Pans are available for pick up in the church during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Frozen casseroles will be collected on Saturday, May 15th between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Thank you for your support.



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MINISTRIES**

### **100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League (CWL)**

The Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, May 15th. Due to the pandemic, their Convention will be held virtually on May 15th. A live-streamed Mass will take place on that day at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join virtually – the Mass can be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/CWL100th>

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