



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca)

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# PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 23, 2021



## May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday - Joyce Lowe †  
Wednesday - Oscar & Richard Attard †  
Thursday - Osbert D'Sylva †  
Friday - Bernice Holmes – Sp. Int.  
Saturday - Wing Yee Au †

## READINGS FOR – May 30<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-23, 39-40  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.14-17  
Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20



## The Word This Week

**"The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth."**



We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to His Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of

the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in His sacraments, in His ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in His Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the "seal" of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

This Spirit first came to transform and energize Jesus' followers to bear Christ's presence in and to the world – to be His body. The Spirit's work continues in the Church to this day. We feel it most at work in and among us during our Sunday celebration, praying "Grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

## 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.

The office will  
be closed on:  
May 24th  
May 25th  
May 26th  
May 27th  
May 28th





The provincial government announced that the current stay-at-home order will be extended until at least June 2, 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. 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.

## 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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## Pope Francis' Call for a Rosary Marathon for End of COVID-19

**Saturday, May 29**

**07:00 PM - 08:00 PM**

**A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH - BRAMPTON**

In response to Pope Francis' call to prayer for the end of COVID-19, St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Brampton invites you to join us as we pray the Scriptural rosary every Saturday in May. More details can be found on the parish's website.

**WEBSITE:** [www.stanthonyofpadua.ca](http://www.stanthonyofpadua.ca)

## ShareLife Speaker Series: Caring for our Mental Health

**Thursday, May 27**

**07:00 PM - 08:00 PM**

**Online**

Struggles with mental health, anxiety and depression have increased drastically during the pandemic. Elizabeth Pierce from Catholic Family Services of Durham – a ShareLife-funded agency – will present strategies for coping during these difficult times. These tools will be applicable for children, youth and adults. Following the 25-minute presentation, Elizabeth will answer your questions about mental health.

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