

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOV. 28, 2021



Nov. 30TH – Dec. 4TH

Tues. 8:30 am – Vanessa Kilp †
Wed. 8:30 am – Pietro Mollicone †
Thurs. Noon - Michael Chung †
Fri. 8:30 am - In Thanksgiving – Chung Family
Sat. 4:30 pm - Elton & Christopher Jardine †

READINGS FOR – December 5th

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3.1-6



FIRST FRIDAY DECEMBER 3RD

Mass on First Friday will be at 8:30 am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

COLLECTION FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

December 4th & 5th

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.



2022 SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals will be available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



The Word This Week

"Your liberation is near at hand."

The new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:



'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women 55+ to the following

Zoom Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday December 2

“Hearing Progression as we Age”

Presenter: Angela Mantle

Hearing Care Counsellor

Please call or email the church to register.



DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 OFFERTORY BOXES

Distribution of Offertory envelopes has begun. To handle the current pandemic environment, distribution will be spaced out by last name. Please be mindful to socially distance when entering the hall; four at a time. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during the pandemic. Once you have picked up your envelopes please exit through the back doors. Arrangements can also be made to pick up envelopes through the office during business hours. Envelope numbers over “400” have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years or other parishes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

JANUARY 15 2022

The Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. The one day collection will be held again on January 15, 2022. Please save your containers until that date. Thank you. **FOOD BANK DRIVE** will take place this weekend November 27/28 and December 4/5. Please bring your non-perishable food items (pasta/rice/canned goods) into the hall when you arrive for Mass. The need at this time is greater than ever.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

THIRTY-SIX CASSEROLES PLUS 86 POUNDS OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS MAKES FOR A VERY GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for ten underprivileged people at The Good Shepherd Centre.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION

FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting grocery store gift cards after each Mass each weekend until Christmas. If you are not able to purchase gift cards your cash donation will be accepted. As we await the birth of our Lord during Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need our assistance through the holidays. **Please place your cards or donation into the gift card basket at the back of the church that will be attended by a member of the Knights.**



PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual “PROTEIN FOR THE POOR.” Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto’s homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

BAKE SALE AND CRAFT BAZAAR will take place the weekend of December 11/12. We will welcome any baked goods that you would like to contribute. They could be brought to the hall on the Saturday afternoon or when you arrive for Mass. We know that you will be amazed at our variety of crafts this year.

Our **MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on Monday December 13th. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Please be mindful of Covid Rules.



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