

# 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**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 05, 2021



Dec. 7<sup>TH</sup> – Dec. 11<sup>TH</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Francis Kwong †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Tak-Hing Wong †  
Thurs. Noon - Helen D'Souza - Sp. Intention  
Fri. 8:30 am - Michael Chung †  
Sat. 4:30 pm - Lucia Shen †

## READINGS FOR – December 12<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18



## The Word This Week

*"All mankind shall see the salvation of God."*

As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the "processional way" of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that "all mankind shall see the salvation of God."



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.



## Christmas Mass Schedule DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

NO 8:30 A.M. MASS

4:30 P.M.

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

## DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

NO 4:30 P.M. MASS

## DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE

04:30 P.M.

## JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

NO 4:30 P.M. MASS

With attendance restrictions being relaxed, we will not require parishioners to "save their seat" by reserving on line or through the office. All Masses will be on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. We kindly ask to be mindful of social distancing, masks and hand sanitation. So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!





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## DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 OFFERTORY BOXES

Distribution of Offertory envelopes has begun. 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.

## 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.



## 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



The ladies of the CWL will be hosting a **BAKE SALE AND CRAFT BAZAAR** on December 11/12 for all parishioners. There will be delicious baked goods, home-made crafts, a lovely variety of knitted items, Christmas gifts and decorations, jewelry, locally made delicacies and pre-wrapped gift sets. Our sale will take place before and after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Payment only with cash or cheque. Baked goods donations will be welcomed any time after 2p.m. on Saturday or before the Sunday Masses. **Covid rules will most certainly be in place at all times.** Please come as we would love your support.

## CHRISTMAS STAMPS

The Catholic Women's League in it's 85th National Convention, urged Canada Post to include a Nativity - related theme in future Christmas stamps. As Catholics, we are very privileged to have these annual religious stamps produced by Canada Post. If this tradition is to continue, it must be supported. Please ask for these special stamps while they are available. This year's stamp honours the angels that played a central role in the Nativity story found in St. Luke's Gospel.





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