



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.

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St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS – Dec. 25, 2021
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – Dec. 26, 2021



Dec. 28th - Dec. 31st

Tues. 8:30 am – Browne Family – Sp. Int.
Wed. 8:30 am – Michael Chung †
Thurs. Noon – Tak-Hing Wong †
Fri. 8:30 am – In Thanksgiving – Cheung Family
Sat. 4:30 pm – Special Intentions †

READINGS FOR – January 2nd

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12



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Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

NO 8:30 A.M. MASS

4:30 P.M.

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

NO 4:30 P.M. MASS

DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

04:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

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!

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on December 27th.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTHONY

*My Dearly Beloved in Christ,
With deep joy and gratitude, I extend
to you my prayerful best wishes for a
holy and blessed*

*Christmas. During this Advent Season,
it has been my prayer that each of you
would find opportunities to reflect on
your own faith and relationship with
the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.
Whatever it is that our hearts and souls
desire, whether we realize it or not, our
ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this
reason, we are filled with joy and
consolation at Christmas to know that
all that we hoped for has been fulfilled
in the person of the Christ Child.*

*In the midst of all our current
challenges and concerns, the love of
God the Father is made manifest to us
in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus.
With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith
moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the
highest and peace to His people on
earth!" We recognize that true peace on
earth flows from our recognition and
praise of God in our lives.*

*On behalf of Deacons Michael and
James, and Ornella, I wish each of you
a blessed and joyous Christmas and
New Year! Please be assured of my
prayers for your intentions and a
remembrance at Holy Mass.*

*With God's Blessing,
Father Anthony*

THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"The child grew,
filled with
wisdom."***

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families.



Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.



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.

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