



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

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Jan. 2, 2022



Jan. 4th – Jan. 8th

Tues. 8:30 am – Michael Chung †

Wed. 8:30 am – Joseph Fisher †

Thurs. Noon – Kar-Jor Cheung – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 am – Otilia Lee †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Vincent & Sylvia Chan †

READINGS FOR – January 9th

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22



FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 7th

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.

2022 OFFERTORY BOXES

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form in the foyer. Reminder 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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING 2022

We would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan for the New Year. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer at the back of the church.

Making Christ Manifest to All the World

This Sunday we celebrate the feast for the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to manifest" or "to make known." This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.



Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that, "God wishes human being to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." The USCCB also says that the "practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

This Epiphany, let us advance the fulfillment of the promise by inviting and welcoming all who want to praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

"We saw his star and have come to do the King homage."

New Year's Eve Mass

Friday, Dec. 31st at 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses

Saturday, Jan. 1st at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2022

Sunday, January 23, 2022
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church
920 Progress Ave., Scarborough



Join Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the live-stream on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch



MARRIAGE SUNDAY Celebration of Marriage Mass

Sunday, February 13, 2022 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St.

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the Livestream.

For more information and to register visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Registration will close on February 4, 2022, or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral. We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Deacon James, Deacon Michael and myself, I want to thank all of you for your many kindnesses over the past year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts.

At this time, Deacon Michael Gennaro, Deacon James Shaughnessy and I would like to wish each and every one of you all the very best for a most Holy and Happy New Year. May it continue to call us into a deeper union with our God and one another within the family of Good Shepherd Parish.

I am blessed to be your pastor and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for the deacons and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2022.

Father Anthony

Prayer In Time of COVID

By Bishop Robert Kasun

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

*Grant restored health to the sick,
comfort and hope to the dying,
eternal peace for those who have died,
strength to family members, relatives, clergy,
friends and volunteers,
renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs,
nurses and doctors,
and perseverance to all in the health care professions.
Grant wisdom to scientists for the development
of effective and moral vaccines,
discernment and right judgment for legislators,
aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable,
courage and justice for front-line workers and
all who risk their lives for the benefit of others,
and keep always in our minds the vision of the
true common good of all the world.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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 and God abides in him.



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