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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 23, 2022



Jan 25th - Jan 29th

Tues. 8:30 am – Sidney Chu †

Wed. 8:30 am – Kevin D’Mello †

Thurs. Noon – Michael Chung †

Fri. 8:30 am – Albert Chung - Special Intention

Sat. 4:30 pm – Frank Flanagan †

READINGS FOR – January 30th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13

Gospel: Luke 4.21-30



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2021 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2022 will count towards next year’s tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you are you currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2022. PAG is administered by the Archdiocese and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer of the church.

Please note the office will be open Monday through Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for those needing administrative assistance.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.



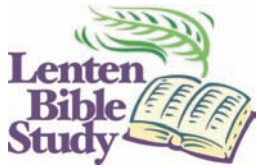
At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of it parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- 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.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.





LECTIO: PHILLIPIANS

DR. TIM GRAY - FORMED

For those interested in joining this six week course via Zoom, please register at the church or on-line before January 30, 2022. The Bible Study is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**. To learn more about this study click here:

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-philippians-with-dr-tim-gray>

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE

LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA



Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. During the month of January, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table. Thank you.



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Gentle reminder for those who have not enrolled for First Communion please do so as soon as possible. Registration deadline was January 16, 2022. Seeking volunteers to help teach the course. Please contact Nisha at: nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

St. Michael's Cathedral

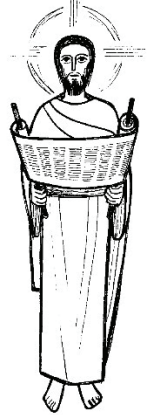


Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple. 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.

The Word This Week

"The text is being fulfilled today."

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God.



We have a priceless gift of God in the inspired Books of the Bible. Let us show true appreciation for that gift by using it to build up a better knowledge of the Christian faith which it teaches us. There should be a Bible, or at least the New Testament, in every Christian home. It should not be an ornament on a shelf, but a fountain and source from which we can draw strength and refreshment in the daily practice of our Christian faith. Almost two thousand years ago, God's infinite goodness provided this source of strength, the "fountain of living water," for us Christians of this century. Are we grateful for his thoughtfulness? Are we nourishing our faith at this blessed fountain of his infinite wisdom and love? The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18 – 25 2022
DAY 6 – PRAYER**



Compassionate God, you gave the blind the insight to recognize you as their Savior, enable us to repent. In your mercy, remove the scales from our eyes and lead us to worship you as our God and Redeemer. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon us, so that together we glorify you in the Spirit's fellowship, and witness to all those around us. Amen.

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