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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 6, 2022



Feb. 8th – Feb. 12th

Tues. 8:30 am – Trevor Man †

Wed. 8:30 am – Francisca Zambrana †

Thurs. Noon – Shi-Ling Li - Sp. Intention

Fri. 8:30 am – Sun Wong Wai Fong †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Christine Lobo †

READINGS FOR – February 13th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26



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.

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



The Word This Week

"They left everything and followed him."

How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

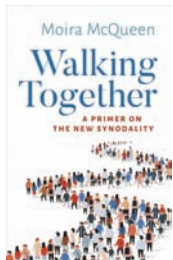
While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbor's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Feb. 12&13). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Feb. 19&20. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



How Do We Walk Together as Church? Embracing Pope Francis' New Call to Synodality

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Virtual

Join authors Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli for a robust conversation on the topic of Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to solidarity and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church.

COST: Free

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/RegisterSynodality>



Bereavement Support Group Virtual Sessions

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, the Office of Formation for Discipleship is sponsoring Bereavement Support Group Sessions on Tuesdays from March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. Grieving with Great HOPE is a Catholic faith-based program that consists of a five-week grief support workshop using a video-on-demand format available on Formed. There is no cost to attend, but online registration is required.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/BS-RegisterMar2022> by February 22, 2022.

CONTACT: Sally Amaral at samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 518.

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 its 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.

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

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