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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 13, 2022



Feb. 8th – Feb. 12th

Tues. 8:30 am – Joseph & Elizabeth Cheung †

Wed. 8:30 am – Elvera Lamie †

Thurs. Noon – Joe Lasita †

Fri. 8:30 am – Chau Chan Shiu King †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Mark Williams †

READINGS FOR – February 20th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25+

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38



TAX RECEIPTS

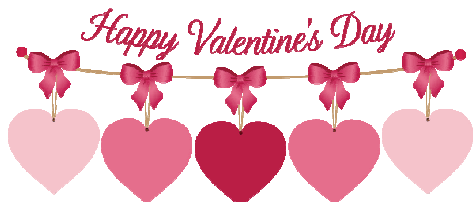


Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2021 have been mailed out. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

Preparing for Lent

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to it to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

So, preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already pre-disposed ourselves to not get very much out of it. These days before are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.



The Word This Week

*"How happy are you who are poor.
Alas for you who are rich."*

The world and all its pleasures are temporary. As tempting as these worldly realities are, we are called to conform ourselves to Christ's vision of the good life. In today's gospel Jesus gives us a glimpse of heaven and it is a vision which brings both consolation and warning.



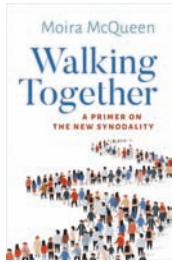
Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences - blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

The beatitudes confront us with choices concerning temporal or earthly possessions. They challenge us to purify our hearts, to embrace the values of God that are completely opposed to those of the world. The things that we think we need to be happy and successful are exposed as being of no value at all in God's economy. The beatitudes provide us with the heart of the Christian way of life. It takes complete trust to live the beatitudes. Jesus is asking us for that complete trust in God, no matter what our condition in life. What does the church teach us about worldly wealth and the responsibilities required of those who have an abundance of it? Social justice teachings of the church have been consistently forthcoming in the past hundred years – they remind us that the teachings of Jesus were not just for that time, but for all time. Jesus is addressing us with the challenge of his teaching. Let us give thanks to God for the wisdom and transformative power of Christ. Through God's grace may we persevere in following Jesus' example, focused on a vision of what truly counts.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this 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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