

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 27, 2022



Feb. 28th – March 5th

Tues. 8:30 am – Kim & Iris Chong †

Wed. 8:30 am – Wing Yee Au †

Wed. 7:00 pm – Agnes Godden †

Thurs. Noon – Kevin D’Mello †

Fri. 8:30 am – Oscar Castillo Sr. †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Mozzon Family In Thanksgiving

READINGS FOR – March 6th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13



FIRST FRIDAY

March 4 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.

SEASON OF LENT

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we’ve experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered this year. Let’s even imagine that God is going to transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us. This is about God’s great desire to bless us. So let us prepare to receive what God wants to give us.

Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with Ashes being distributed at both Masses. This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.

The Word This Week

“The tree can be told by its fruit.”

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”. Today’s scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord’s work always, and so share in Christ’s victory over death itself.

When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbor's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own. It is for the very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgement and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom!! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his “steadfast love in the morning” and his “faithfulness by night.”





RESTRICTION UPDATE

Thank you to all our parishioners for your ongoing patience and co-operation over the past two years in adapting to the restrictions. We are pleased to share good news that as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Good Shepherd Parish will be back to 100% capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. Masks will still be required. Our church is a safe place to gather and we look forward to resuming public worship. God Bless!

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.

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SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. We collected forty-four casseroles and thirty-one pounds of other food items. 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.



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