

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

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**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13, 2022



March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Tom Holden †

Wed. 8:30 am – W.D. Kester †

Thurs. Noon – Dr. Andrew Frieri †

Fri. 8:30 am – Krista Kilp †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Tinca Ventila †

**READINGS FOR – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9



## 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.**



### The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during lent.

### The Rosary

The Rosary will be recited at 4:00 pm each Saturday, as well as Tuesday through Friday at the completion of our daily mass.



## CONFESSION TIMES



Tuesday – Wednesday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

## The Word This Week

*"As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed."*

The journey towards strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated an unshakable conviction in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God.

In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he pray on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses. To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and Chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and resurrection and his identity as the Son of God.

Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

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**ShareLife Sunday  
March 27 2022**



In Fr. Anthony's absence, we welcome Fr. Silva to our Parish. Fr. Silva would like to share a little about himself.

"I am Fr. Liyanage Neyomal Silva, and I would like to give you the Parishioners of "Good Shepherd" a brief biography about myself. I was born in Sri Lanka March 8, 1981 and my parents are still alive. I have only one brother who is younger than me by 3 years. He is married and has two kids.

I was ordained a priest on January 24, 2012 to the diocese of Kurunegala which is situated in the North West of Sri Lanka. I served for four and half years in this diocese and came to Canada on May 4, 2016.

I have been serving in the diocese of Toronto at 3 parishes as the associate namely, at St. Patrick's Markham, Guardian Angels Orillia and St. Mary's Barrie. I am here at Good Shepherd until Fr. Anthony's return.

As we are in the season of Lent let us try our best to get closer to God and to celebrate Easter the resurrection of our Lord with much spiritual preparation personally and as a community.

Thank you and may God bless you!"



## 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.

Second Sunday of



## Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker.
- Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.

## Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting men and women (50+)

Thursday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.

"Falls Prevention"

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- Helpful tips to prevent falls
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## Clothing Drive



## What's in your closet?

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please save any clothing or fabrics that you would like to donate. More information to follow.

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