

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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**

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 20, 2022



## March 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Virginia Puscas †  
 Wed. 8:30 am – Josephine Mendez †  
 Thurs. Noon – Carol M<sup>c</sup>Gowan †  
 Fri. 8:30 am – Norman Hew Shue †  
 Sat. 4:30 pm – Valentina Kondukova †

## READINGS FOR – March 27<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21  
 Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



## 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

*"Unless you repent you will all perish as they did."*

"May your life be fruitful." During Lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden. Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree, teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes an active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit. Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he know when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become even more fruitful. Our "yes" to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed. At every Eucharist, we renew our "yes". We pray acknowledging our need for our Lord: "only say the word and my soul shall be healed." May our lives be fruitful.



## Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday

Have you considered supporting ShareLife through our monthly giving? You can enroll in monthly giving via our website by clicking on the "donate" button. You can also do so at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). If you need help or have any questions, please call 416-934-3411 or email [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org).

## 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. Our church is a safe place to gather and we look forward to resuming public worship.

## 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.

## CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on March 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.



## 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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