

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 1, 2022



May 3rd - May 7th

Tuesday 8:30 - Silvia Girod Sp. Intention Wednesday 8:30 - Szeto/Chung Family ☑

Thursday Noon - Helen D'Souza Sp. Intention

Friday 8:30 - Francis Kwong 2 Saturday 4:30 - Joanne Lasita 2

READINGS FOR – May 8th

1st Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52 2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10.27-30





FIRST FRIDAY MAY 6TH

Mass on First Friday will be at 8:30 am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon

when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.



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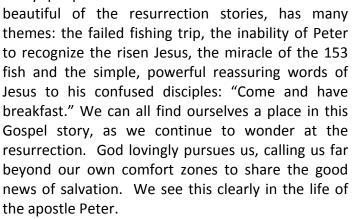
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish."

Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most



From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan the Savior had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven".

This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Jesus tells Peter to take care of the flock, prepare for difficult times and "follow me". Peter did that. Peter would be the new shepherd, he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church.

So today, all around the world, we are still responding to God's call, still daring to take risks in service to the proclamation of God's unending love. We are compelled to share the good news of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Alleluia!!



Support Your Parish

Our primary concern continues to be the health and well-being of our parishioners, clergy and staff. 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 – salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs are funded through the generosity of parishioners. It has been challenging for most parishes to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection. For those attending Mass, please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. You may want to consider giving electronically instead by visiting our Donate Now page. If you are still 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. Visit our <u>Donate Now page</u> by clicking here and select the region for our parish from the map. You will be taken to a page that allows you to choose Good Shepherd Parish and the amount of your gift (one-time or recurring) and payment method (credit card or chequing account).

Finally, you can contribute to the offertory via online banking – similar to how you may be paying your utility bills. 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. This is the most cost effective way to donate electronically.

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.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (May 7&8). You can also visit the office during business



hours (Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on May 14&15. 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.

A Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Saturday, May 07, 2022 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centr 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection for men and women. "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief? Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey."

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CONTACT: Mary Hyland **PHONE:** 905-441-0957

\So long as the radiance of Easter burns in our hearts, so long shall we sing that mysterious and jubilant morning prayer of the risen Savior (Introit of Easter Sunday): "I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia: Thou hast laid Thy hand upon me, alleluia: Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, Thou has searched me; Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up."

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