



# 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**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 8, 2022



May 10<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 - Melanie Kwan †

Wednesday 8:30 - Peter Lee †

Thursday Noon - Winston & Christina Ferguson †

Friday 8:30 - Daniel Charles MacNeil †

Saturday 4:30 - Herculano Ayres Mascarenhas †

### READINGS FOR – May 15th

1st Reading: Acts 14.21b-27

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:01-5a

Gospel: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++



### A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers, young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;*

*May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;*

*May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen*

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me."*

This is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is part of the continuing journey of Easter. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives His life for His sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise He makes in today's Gospel: "I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost." This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection; how we live the Easter Story.



Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for all of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls. How can we respond to the loving call of the Good Shepherd through our actions?

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.



GOOD SHEPHERD  
MINISTRIES

### CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this 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.

### Clothing Drive



### What's in your closet?

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a clothing drive on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will leave a truck in our parking lot for the week-end and it will be staffed by Good Shepherd Knights. All clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and toys are accepted.



### WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. This program will commence with collections on the fourth Sunday of every month. We thank you for your support of this project.

## Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League invite all parishioners to contribute to our Food Drive for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children next weekend – May 14/15 and the following weekend May 21/22. The most needed items at this time are rice, beans, pasta, cereal and canned items. We look forward to receiving them from you at the tables just inside the front doors of our church. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.



## Ministry with Maturing Adults

### Inviting Men and Women (50+)

#### Via Zoom

Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

### "Spirituality and Change"

Register by calling the church at 905-881-1534 or emailing: [gspadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:gspadmin@bellnet.ca)



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