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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: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOV. 27, 2022



Nov. 29th – Dec. 3rd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Delia Freixa †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Fanny Tang †

Thurs. Noon - †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Michael Chung †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Jardine Family Deceased †

READINGS FOR – Dec. 4th

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



FIRST FRIDAY December 2nd

Mass will be at 8:30 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023

Boxed sets for 2023 envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form in the foyer.



Some parishioners have been assigned a new number.

Please do not use 2023 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



First Sunday of Advent

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Stay awake, so that you may be ready!"

The holy time of Advent, wherein we remember joyously His first coming and wait patiently for His second, is a metaphor for our whole lifetime. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come.

This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In

fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:



'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

Christmas comes but once a year but its meaning, its lesson, must remain in our hearts and minds all the year round. God wants us in heaven forever. When we take our place with Him, on what Paul calls "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ," the seasons of Advent, past, present and future will pass, for time and seasons that now obey the voice of God will be completed. At the end time, there will be only one season of pure love.

COLLECTION FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

December 3rd & 4th

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.



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.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting grocery store gift cards after each Mass until December 18th. For those who are not able to purchase gift cards your cash donation will be accepted. We kindly ask for \$25.00 denomination. As we await the birth of our Lord during Advent, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need our assistance through the holidays. **Please place your cards or donation into the gift card basket at the back of the church that will be attended by a member of the Knights.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR."

Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing, and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.



POINSETTIAS



Back by popular demand. Place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Prices ranging from \$6.00 to \$32.00 and many colours to choose from. Prepayment is not required. Your order will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 10th and 11th. A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.

St. Michael's Choir School

Sing Noël

December 03, 2022
07:00 P.M. - 09:00 P.M.
Massey Hall



A musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 85th year, and this year's concert is sure to be one of the best yet. St. Michael's Choir School graduates are some of Canada's most celebrated professional and amateur musicians and are known for music of the highest caliber. For tickets:

CONTACT: St. Michael's Choir School

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Advent Retreat Day "Christmas Presence"

Saturday, December 17, 2022

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

St. Gregory's Church, 122 Rathburn Rd,

What does it mean for God to be present to us? What does Jesus offer to us? What do we offer to God? An About Being Catholic spiritual retreat day hosted by St. Gregory's Parish Catechists Adam and Julia Kozak featuring enlightening presentations, open discussions, prayer and focused reflection time. You are invited to bring any family or friends if you would like to. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee. All are welcome. To take part, please simply email us with your name and if you are bringing anyone with you before December 14 at aboutbeingcatholic@gmail.com.

Missals are available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



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