



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 4, 2022



### Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Pietro Mollicone †  
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Francis Kwong †  
Thurs. Noon - Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.  
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Manuel D'Souza †  
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Esdras Mendez †

### READINGS FOR – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5.7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

#### DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

#### DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE

04:30 P.M.

#### JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.



### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be celebrated on  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand.”*

What would it feel like to stand before John the Baptist admonishing you to confess your sins? It sounds scary, but is there not a longing in us for the healing and wholeness he is offering?

John is preparing the way for God's definitive Word who will come into our midst. His call to repentance is a call to



stand before Almighty God, the All-Good, the All-Holy and to recognize ourselves as sinners. Recall Isaiah seeing God in the temple and exclaiming, “Woe is me ... I am a man of unclean lips ... among a people of unclean lips!” Or Peter's awareness, after Jesus directs him to the abundant catch of fish: “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

Seeing ourselves as sinners before God and confessing during this Advent/Preparation season, is not meant to make us feel bad. Rather, we acknowledge who we are in order to open ourselves to what God wants to do for us. Through gentle mercy and graciousness, God frees us from sin and its consequences, inviting us into the kingdom of heaven announced by John and Jesus.

Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises Him, John welcomes Him, Paul invites us to imitate Him. We have here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah; useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and He is revealed as a child in a manger!

### Advent Taizé Prayer Service

**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for an ecumenical [Taizé prayer](#) experience to encounter silence and God's presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing. “Lord help us to understand with our hearts that you are coming, always coming. Help us to recognize that Life is Advent.”



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.



### DAYS OF CONFESSION

Father Anthony will be available for confessions on:

**Tuesday December 20**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday December 21**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

The Ladies of the CWL would like to express their sincere thanks to the parishioners who so generously supported our Christmas bake sale and bazaar last weekend. The quality and variety of the baked goods donated was exceptional. If you baked, bought, or if you did both, a huge thank you! Thanks also who supported the knitted goods, Christmas boutiques and gifts as well. Your support is very much appreciated.



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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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