



# 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 ADVENT – DEC. 11, 2022



Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

- Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Lucia Shen †
- Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Jeanette Ohanian †
- Thurs. Noon - Winston & Christina Ferguson †
- Fri. 8:30 a.m. - In Thanksgiving – So Family
- Sat. 4:30 p.m. - J & S Lee Family – Sp. Int.

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1.1-7
- Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24



## 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.

*“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”. (1 Peter 2:25)*



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”*

‘Tis the season for runaway anticipation. Expending seemingly unlimited time and energy on preparing for the big day, it’s easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. Then, when it’s come and gone, we are left to wonder what all the bustling, buying and baking were for.

What a letdown! That empty, disquieting feeling must have plagued John the Baptist as he languished in Herod’s prison awaiting his execution. The



Baptist sent word by the disciples to Jesus, asking him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” John the Baptist had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus, the Saviour. John anticipated the coming of a Messiah and he was confident that Jesus was the Messiah. So, why the lingering doubts? Jesus didn’t really fit with John’s preconceived notion of Messiah who would come breathing fire and brimstone and take the unsuspecting and unrepentant world by storm. Jesus sent a return message: “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them.” Certainly not fire and brimstone – rather a genuine Christmas story of love and salvation. With Christmas days away, may we slip away for a moment to focus on the real holiday magic of this season. May our hearts be ready to welcome Jesus as God’s eternal gift to the world.

## 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.



## 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.



### USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA

Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. From now until of January 15 2023, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the book shelf. Thank you.



### CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass next weekend (Dec. 17/18). 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 and invite all parishioners to participate.

This weekend (Dec. 10&11) the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



### CWL ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Ladies of the CWL are invited to our annual Wine & Cheese Christmas Social (Meeting) on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. We request that everyone bring a \$20 gift card (from the store or restaurant of your choice) for the women in the St. Clare Women's Shelter.

### POINSETTIAS

Orders will be ready for pick-up this weekend after each Mass.



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