



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 18, 2022



Dec. 20th – Dec. 23rd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Jose B. Gato †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Flory Chan †

Thurs. Noon - Blanche LeGresley †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Susie McKenirey †

READINGS FOR – Dec. 25th

1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6

Gospel: John 1.1-18



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

07:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

(Carolling begins at 9:30 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.



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 WORD THIS WEEK

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.



The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

(Philippians 2:10)



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.

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.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass this 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.

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.



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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen

**Sunday, February 12, 2023
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration opens on December 9, 2022. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

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