



# 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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 21, 2023



## May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Nina Mendonca †  
Wed. 8:30 am – Msgr. John Weber Sp. Int.  
Thurs. Noon – Winston & Christina Ferguson †  
Fri. 8:30 am – Brandon Ringuette †  
Sat. 4:30 pm – Maria Choy – Sp. Int.

## READINGS FOR – May 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.1-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corin. 12.3b-7, 12-13  
Gospel: John 20.19-23



## LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass). May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and the month of flowers. Let us honour and venerate Our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her intentions and the intentions of our Church.



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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”*

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin. It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.



**HAPPY VICTORIA DAY!!** The office will be closed on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy and have a safe weekend to all.



## World Communications Day

May 21

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (radio, television, newspapers) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



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### Toronto Serra Clubs

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Arch. of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

## Bereavement Retreat

Friday, June 16, 2023

08:30 AM - 02:30 PM

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Come and let the healing hands of Divine compassion gently hold you and bless you with peace and comfort.

**FACILITATED BY:** The Retreat Team - Anne Hales and Betty Dotzko

**REGISTRATION:** Starts at 8:30 a.m.

**COST:** \$45.00

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Blessed Trinity Parish (Bayview and Finch) welcomes Good Shepherd children entering grades 1-6 in the fall to join their Glory2God Summer Camp! The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with before and after-care available) on July 10-14<sup>th</sup> and July 24-27<sup>th</sup>; come for one week or both – each week has its very own theme and field trip. Visit <https://www.blessedtrinityparish.ca/glory2god-camp> for more info and registration forms. Feel free to reach out to Tanya at [G2GcampatBT@gmail.com](mailto:G2GcampatBT@gmail.com) with any questions.

### E-MAIL UPDATE

Please use new email address:

[GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org](mailto:GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org)

The old address has been phased out.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. 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.



*"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."  
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