

# 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

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#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - NOV. 26, 2023



Nov. 28th - Dec. 2nd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Mary Cassar ∜
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Delia Freixa ∜
Thurs. Noon - Palmina Iacobelli ∜
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Michael Chung ∜
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Elton Jardine ∜

#### **READINGS FOR - Dec. 3rd**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinth. 1.3-9 Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

### FIRST FRIDAY December 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus – it is our personal time with Christ. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

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





# ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Tuesday December 5th

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

As we prepare for Advent, join us for an ecumenical Taizé prayer experience to encounter silence and God's presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.

#### THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The Son of Man ... will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him."

Today's feast, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, ends our liturgical year. With Jesus describing his second coming as that of a king arriving in all his majesty and sitting on his kingly throne to judge all mankind. Christ himself in this description of the last judgement, describes his role as that of a king. This gospel reading, therefore, reminds us of the Kingship of Christ. On this feast of Christ our King, let us renew our pledge of loyalty to him, and so that this pledge will not be an empty formula, let each one of us resolve to study once more the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and see how well we put them into practice. If we have failed in the past, let us resolve to begin again today. Let us help one another by bearing one another's burdens. This is what Christ asks of us. This is how we can prove ourselves loyal and grateful subjects. This is what we will be judged on when we meet him on our last day. If we love our neigh or with an active and practical love for Christ's sake, we are thereby loving God, and are keeping "the two greatest commandments on which the whole law and the prophets depend."

Christ is our king in this world. Let us make sure that he will be our king for all eternity by doing our best to be his loyal subjects here on earth.

Through daily prayer, let us prepare for Advent. Our almighty God showed his great love through the incarnation-coming to be tangibly present on earth in Christ Jesus. He continues to amaze us by His ongoing presence in our lives. May we see His glory, full of grace and truth.



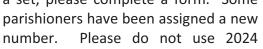


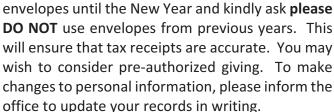
### CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting grocery store gift cards after each Mass until December 17<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 prepare for the coming of our Saviour, 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.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024**

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#### **2024 SUNDAY MISSALS**

Missals will be 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.

#### 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.

#### St. Michael's Choir School Choirs of Angels



December 02, 2023 09:00 P.M. Massey Hall 178 Victoria St., Toronto

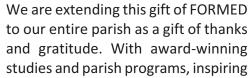
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