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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 17, 2023



Dec. 19th – Dec. 23rd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Yam Family †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – So Family – In Thanksgiving

Thurs. Noon – Flory Chan †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Geraldine Osborne – Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Teresa Fung Poon †

READINGS FOR – Dec. 24th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

REGULAR MASSES AT

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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

REGULAR MASSES AT

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

04:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

09:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.



DAY OF CONFESSION

Father Anthony will be available for confessions on: **Tuesday December 19**

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

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I baptize with water. Among you stands ... the one who is coming after me."

As Christians, we recognize the season of Advent as a time of great anticipation in which we prepare for the coming of the Lord. In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls us to "Make straight the way of the Lord." This call to action is not easy in an ever-growing secular world. John was the last of the great line of prophets and he was the greatest of them all. It was his privilege to point out to his audience the Son of God in human nature, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," and also to hear God's voice from heaven proclaiming Christ to be his "beloved Son." He was surely a man sent from God. Let us listen to the call of John the Baptist, and from our hearts repent of our sins. Let us prepare for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's human appearance on earth, by cleaning ourselves of all sinful attaches, but making a firm resolution to follow the Lamb through life.

We who believe must rejoice, as did our Blessed Mother, that we have been chosen and give thanks in all things. We are called to be witnesses, crying out in the wilderness of our day, testifying so that others might hear and believe. This is the will of God and it is to this worthy mission that we are called to dedicate our lives and to persevere.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.





CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting grocery store gift cards after each Mass until December 17th. 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.

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

Sunday, February 11, 2024

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. 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.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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