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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. 24, 2023



Dec. 26th – Dec. 30th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Msgr. John Weber †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Mary Cassar †

Thurs. Noon – Teresa Young Chung †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Tak Hing Wong †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Mary D'Souza †

READINGS FOR – Dec. 31st

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



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.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Do no be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God."

At the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me according to thy word" the most stupendous event happened. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. One can only imagine how Mary felt receiving this knowledge. The Angel Gabriel reveals to her that she will bear a son who will be both Son of God and Son of David, the promised Messiah.

If God had created a very special child, and made him into an outstanding saint, so that he could intercede with God for us, this would be a great act of love for us on God's part. Or, if he had sent an angel from heaven in human form, to teach us all about God and to help us to lead holy lives, this would deserve our deepest gratitude. But neither a saintly man nor a holy angel could do for us all that God wanted. No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"?

As we await the birth of our Lord, we are invited to quiet our hearts and listen, as Mary did, for God's voice in our daily lives. Let us walk in her footsteps and be surprised by the ways of God.



MONDAY
DECEMBER 25
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 26



Christmas season brings with it a time of reflection, joy and profound gratitude. Today I am simply writing to say thank you.

You are such an amazing congregation and it is such a blessing to be your pastor.

I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired me. You make this great place possible.

In this season of Advent, we are reminded of the greatest gift ever given – the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time to celebrate the hope, peace, love and joy that comes from God.

On behalf of Deacon's Michael and James and Ornella, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass.

Have a great Christmas with all your family and friends! God Bless You!

Father Anthony



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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.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org 416-934-3400 ext. 523

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