



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 4, 2024



Feb. 6th – Feb. 10th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Karen Markham †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Jean-Luc Zufferey †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Clifford Jansen †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Noreen Lobo †

READINGS FOR – February 11th

1st Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 10.31-11.1

Gospel: Mark 1.40-45



Each Sunday the Responsorial Psalm is always linked in meaning to the First Reading. Never is this truer than today. To read from

Job and then omit or change the Psalm would be disastrous for the meaning of the readings today. Job presents us with the complaints, with the moans and grumbling of the man oppressed by everyday life: speaks of life and death, cites his restlessness and life's struggle and notes that he will not see happiness again. The Psalm responds by pointing to God, whose love is so complete he heals all our ills. It's amazing how, even though the book of Job was written so many centuries ago, there is a very 'contemporary feel' to his list of complaints: this should make it easier for the for the congregation to understand.

TAX RECEIPTS



2023 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail by

February 15th. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"He came ... then the fever left her."

The readings today hint both that the kingdom is not yet here and the kingdom is here! On the one hand, Job and Paul give us a bleak version of reality, one filled with weakness, suffering and exhaustion. On the other hand, we have Jesus, in whom heaven and earth come together.

We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him. Jesus knows what it is like for us: what it is to be human and how demanding people can be. He sees the hurt, pain and suffering we endure. We have the Incarnate Jesus: he brings healing and hope to all humanity. He comes to us, sharing in our humanity and offers healing, friendship and joy – all avenues to transform our suffering into blessings.

Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.



Youth Awards Program

The **CWL Youth Awards Program** is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. These contests are good confidence builders for the students and an opportunity for them to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. The program is comprised of the following four contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking (Gr. 7 & 8)
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry (Gr. 7 to 12)
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award (age 15 to 18)
- St. Michael's College Scholarship Gr. 12 (females only) due May 31, 2024

All registrations (besides St. Michael's College Scholarship) need to be received by Feb. 23, 2024. Good Shepherd contest for Mary Matthews Public Speaking will be held on Sun. Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. For each contest package and any further enquiries, please reach parish contact, **CATHERINE GER** at catherine.ger@outlook.com.

*May our Lady of Good Counsel
guide
us in all that we do.*

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)
Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m.

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The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2020. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.



Good Shepherd Parish extends heartfelt best wishes for a Happy New Year to our Asian parishioners who are such an integral part of our parish family.

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(Xīnnián kuàilè)



**2024 LIFT
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