



# 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**

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17, 2024



March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Concietta Genovese †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Virginia Puscas †

Thurs. Noon – Mary Foo †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Anthony Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – John Graham †

**READINGS FOR – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philipp. 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47



## The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. Join us as we follow the path of Christ.

## The Rosary

During Lent the Rosary will be recited Friday mornings at 8:10 a.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross after Mass.



## SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community  
through Catholic agencies

## This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our parish goal this year is \$118,200.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"Some bystanders heard a voice  
from heaven."*

In the weeks of Lent so far, we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand-new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation. Jesus' death is the moment in which the divine love for human beings – and the new covenant in his blood – is most powerfully revealed. It is the means by which a new and intimate communion between God and believers, facilitated by God's Holy Spirit, is inaugurated.

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today and try to compare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE  
GENERAL MEETING  
MARCH 18 2024**

The CWL invite all ladies to attend the meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Catherine von Zuben whose topic will be "Walking Together with a Synodal Church".

## Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.

## Music Concert Celebrating 400 years of St Joseph as Patron of Canada

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

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## CONFESSION TIMES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing confessions on:

**Tuesday March 19**

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

**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday March 20**

**Three Priests Available**

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

***Please note that confessions are also heard every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.***

***(Except Holy Saturday)***

Confession during the Lenten season allows believers to go to the Lord in all humility. They recognize that they are sinners who were saved and redeemed by the Savior. Confessing one's sins declares a need for the continuing sanctification by the Spirit. In confessing one's sin, it would be helpful to ask the Holy Spirit to examine one's heart (Psalm 139:23-24).



## PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND



The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request

asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to [terresaine@bellnet.ca](mailto:terresaine@bellnet.ca) or online at [Commissariat.ca](http://Commissariat.ca) – receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

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