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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 08, 2024



## Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Helen D’Souza Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Raymond Kan †

Thurs. Noon - Winston & Christina Ferguson †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Lucia Shen †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Elton Jardine †

## READINGS FOR – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

## DAY OF CONFESSION

Please take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as we prepare for Christmas.



Father Anthony will be available for confessions on:

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

Father Anthony and Father Dave Warren will be available on:

**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE**

**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**

**04:30 P.M.**

**JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**09:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**



## THANK YOU, KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!

What a wonderful response! We surpassed our goal of thirty-five scarves. A huge thank you to all who put their God given talents to work. These beautiful gifts will brighten Christmas for many in the women's shelter supported by the CWL. Please pass on this message to our friends who may not receive this bulletin. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of people like you.

Mary Williams



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## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting **grocery store gift cards** after each Mass until December 15<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.

## 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.



## CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>



Please join us in the hall for some delicious Christmas goodies. We would appreciate donations of baked goods too. Please drop off your baked goods after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> or before all Masses on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please list your ingredients for those who may have food allergies/gluten & dairy sensitivities. The proceeds are donated to the many charities the CWL supports. Thank you.



## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

Boxed sets for 2025 envelopes are ready for distribution. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form. Some parishioners have been assigned a new number. Please do not use 2025 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



## TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord?"

Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass next weekend (Dec.14&15). Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.






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