

# 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**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JAN. 26, 2025



Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Raymond Reix †

Thurs. Noon - Carol Shum †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Sidney Chu †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Celia Manning †



**READINGS FOR – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18++

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**

***Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.***

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR  
JANUARY 29 2025**

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. May each one of you enjoy good health and joy in the coming year.

## **THE WORD THIS WEEK**

***“The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.”***

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God.

We have a priceless gift of God in the inspired Books of the Bible. Let us show true appreciation for that gift by using it to build up a better knowledge of the Christian faith which it teaches us. There should be a Bible, or at least the New Testament, in every Christian home. It should not be an ornament on a shelf, but a fountain and source from which we can draw strength and refreshment in the daily practice of our Christian faith. Almost two thousand years ago, God's infinite goodness provided this source of strength, the "fountain of living water," for us Christians of this century. Are we grateful for his thoughtfulness? Are we nourishing our faith at this blessed fountain of his infinite wisdom and love?

On this Sunday of the Word of God, we turn to the Word as people who can "hear with understanding." Reflecting on the words of Scripture, we are reminded of the role both the Law and the Scriptures (both New and Old) plays in our lives. Their careful study can reveal insights to guide and inspire us with our daily lives and the many decisions we are called to make every day.

Let us be grateful for the tradition into which we were baptized, as it presents us with many teachings that can help us as we try to follow Jesus Christ.

**新年快樂**

**Happy Chinese New Year**



## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As we depend entirely on the generosity of our parishioners, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to PAG for your regular parish donations. You may also include your contribution to ShareLife, which spreads your donation monthly over the year. Donations may be either withdrawn from your bank account or charged to your credit card monthly. You have the convenience of your offertory being automatically contributed – no more writing cheques or finding cash. We receive regular, dependable contributions, and a reduction of paperwork. Information and authorization forms are available at the bookshelf and behind the last pews. You may also enrol in PAG through the Archdiocese of Toronto's website.



### Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri Sunday, February 9, 2025 2:30 PM St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

A special Mass to honour couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2025. You 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 [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/)  
Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).  
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## TAX RECEIPTS

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## REGIONAL JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATIONS

With 2025 being Jubilee Year of Hope, the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated some parishes as pilgrimage sites and all are invited to plan a visit as a parish or as an individual in the coming months. There is a special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Boissonneau on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Barrie. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass. There is a special Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Cardinal Leo on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Padre Pio's Parish in Woodbridge. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be available before Mass.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2021. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 103 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.



### Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women (50+) Thursday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Presentation by CHATS Michael Khalil, B.SC. PHM. "MANAGING PAIN IN SENIORS"

Topics you will learn about:


- Understanding Pain in Seniors
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