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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

email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 9, 2025



Feb. 11th – Feb. 15th

- Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Sidney Chu †
- Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Connie Leung †
- Thurs. Noon - Thomas Chow †
- Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Tshu Family †
- Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Rachelina Ambrosio †

READINGS FOR – Feb. 16th

- 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8
- 2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 15.12, 16-20
- Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26



REGIONAL JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATIONS

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses that will be held throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please note, for those interested in obtaining a Jubilee indulgence, requirements include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass and offering prayers for the intention of the Holy Father. Confessions will be offered one hour prior to all celebrations – Masses will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrations will take place as follows:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto (Bishop Kasun to preside)
- Thursday, February 20, 2025 – St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (130 Bathurst St.) (Bishop Kasun to preside)
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – St. Edward the Confessor Parish North York (Cardinal Leo to preside)
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough (Cardinal Leo to preside)

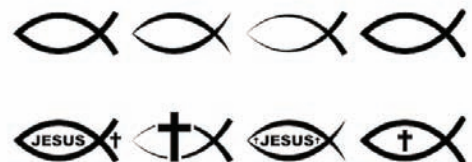
THE WORD THIS WEEK

“They caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.”

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus': there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

While thanking God today for our Christian faith, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbor's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.





GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Feb. 15th & 16th. 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.

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, to register for classes starting in September.

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

The Legion of Mary invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2024 will be processed and mailed out by the **end of February**. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at

St. Margaret Mary Parish

February 15 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

February 16 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

CONTACT: St. Margaret Mary Parish Office
PHONE: 905-851-2661

Saturday, March 29

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

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Convention Centre

255 Front St. W., Toronto

**The theme of this year's rally is
“POWER FROM ON HIGH”**

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Website: www.ljhr.ca

EMAIL: contact@ljhr.ca

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat

Friday, March 14, 2025 06:30 PM –

Sunday, March 16, 2025 02:00 PM

St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14, (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 16, (2 p.m.) to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email:

vocations@archtoronto.org

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