



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 IN LENT – APR. 6, 2025



## April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Helen D'Souza †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – †

Thurs. Noon - Fernan Gomez †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Amelia Lee †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

## READINGS FOR – April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56



## The Stations of the Cross

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

## CONFESSION TIMES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing confessions on:

### Tuesday April 8

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

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

Fr. Anthony & Fr. Dave on

### Wednesday April 9

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)



*Forgiveness is the great divine gift offered to us by Jesus. It is not a human possibility to forgive sins. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Wherever Jesus goes he offers this divine forgiveness. He even offers it to those who kill him. It is for the forgiveness of sins that he pours out his blood on the cross and that he sends forth his disciples into the world.*

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."***

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ would condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: "Go and sin no more."

During the past month, our spiritual journey has been one of repentance so we may all, by the grace of God the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, experience a transformation to become in the likeness of Christ. Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities despite our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with in our life and society. His mission is to save us from all our sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus, "Neither do I condemn you." The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that he has taken care of our negative past. So, Christ will always fill us with joy, which he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection. God's infinite mercy should move us always to have compassion on those who commit sins, because we ourselves are sinners and in need of God's forgiveness.

Today, the risen Christ speaks to each of us. We are encouraged to begin again, to experience forgiveness and great love. As we reflect on this reading, may we share this woman's feelings of joy and peace, knowing we too are greatly loved.



5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
in Lent

## CWL FUNDRAISER



The CWL is pleased to announce that they will be taking orders for MacGregors meats again this year. Their products are of excellent quality and come highly recommended. The ladies of the CWL will be at the back of the church on April 12/13 and 19/20 with the order forms for you to complete and to answer any questions you may have. Order forms must be returned by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date to be announced later.



### CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (April 12/13) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Italian Cuisine Night Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by an excellent Italian meal featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea/Coffee for the bargain price of \$25.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next weekend April 12/13. Please note that only thirty-five (35) tickets will be sold.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>



Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land enduring hardships.

### Good Friday Procession Friday, April 18, 2025 03:00 PM - 05:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 72 Mansfield Ave.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be holding the annual Good Friday Procession. The procession includes religious statues, musical bands and people representing different characters associated with the Passion of Christ. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in the procession. To volunteer, visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) and follow the instructions. Volunteer registration deadline is April 13, 2025.

**CONTACT:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
**PHONE:** 416-536-8195



## ROSE OF SHARON DIAPER DRIVE

The CWL extend a big thank you for the generous support received from all the parishioners who donated to the diaper drive. We received \$1500.00 in items that will be distributed to those in need during these difficult times. We are grateful and blessed for such an amazing parish.



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