

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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#### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro James Shaughnessy

#### **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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## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday - Kathleen Ross-Waugh ∜

Wednesday -

Thursday - Bouchard Family → Friday - Teresa Quigley → Saturday - Carol Gonsalves →

**READINGS FOR – April 27<sup>th</sup>** 

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5.12-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

### The Word This Week



"I have risen and I am with you still."

This is Easter, the Resurrection. A new world was born that morning when Jesus stepped out of the tomb where he had lain for

three days. The sin which brought darkness was obliterated and the world began anew, bathed in the light of the Resurrection.

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia."

Let us join together this Easter to be powerful witnesses of hope to our communities. More important, let us be renewed in the love of Christ who sustains us.



#### Dear Parishioners:

# "Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

Our Lord has conquered sin and death. The Good Shepherd is with us to guide us safely through this life to his Heavenly Kingdom.

Therefore, today we renew our baptismal promises. In doing so, we renew our commitment to Christ as our Lord and Savior and promise again to serve Him as a faithful member of His church.

As your pastor, I am grateful for all the hard work and dedication of so many people who make our Holy Week Liturgies so beautiful: Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, altar servers, choir and musicians, the enhancement committee and those who assisted with the Easter Vigil flowers. The faith commitment of the people and families who make up Good Shepherd Parish bears witness to the reality of the resurrection. Truly, the risen Lord is with us and dwells among us.

On behalf of our Parish Administrators, Deacons Michael Gennaro & James Shaughnessy, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

God bless you, Father Anthony

As we reflect on the resurrection, let us also recognize the constant renewals happening within ourselves. **Life is an ongoing transformation**, never static and always moving.



# Thank you for being a beacon of hope.

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

#### **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 this weekend with the order forms for you to complete and to answer any questions you may have. Order forms must be returned by April 26/27. Delivery date May 14<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot.



#### CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass this weekend. 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.

#### **BOOK BARROW**

The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses April 26/27. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

As Christ was resurrected, may your faith be rejuvenated. Let His love **shine brightly** in your heart, illuminating your path forward.

#### Day of Reflection & Prayer for the Bereaved Saturday, May 10, 2025 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Day of Reflection & Prayer: "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. The suggested offering for this day is \$65 which includes morning coffee/tea & muffin on arrival, lunch and program. Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland.

Contact: Mary Hyland 905-647-0957

#### A Day With Mary Villanova College King City 2480 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Registration Now Open!



On Saturday, May 31 – the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be taking place outdoors at Villanova College in King City. All are invited to gather together to participate in Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be powerful witnessing's, music, crafts, food, fellowship and more.

Registration is now open online at <u>archtoronto.org/mary</u> and the event is free to attend. Attendees may choose to take advantage of pre-ordering a BBQ lunch at time of registration for \$10 per meal, or can bring their own picnic lunch. The deadline to register is May 19, 2025.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

The office will be closed on Easter Monday.

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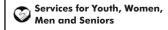
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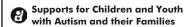
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