

# 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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 7, 2025



**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Doris Pun Siu Ho Siu †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Josephine & Esdras Mendez †

Thurs. Noon – Fernanda & Lucia Bouchard †

Fri. 8:30 am - Mary D'Souza †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Elton Jardine †

**READINGS FOR – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11



### 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: **Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Father Anthony and Father Dave Warren will be available on: **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



### 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.

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Repent, the kingdom of heaven has come near."***

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.

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.



### 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.**



### POINSETTIAS

Your orders will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.



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## WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (Dec. 13/14) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



## 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to do so, please complete a request form.

Take a few minutes and find Advent Prayer/ Devotional booklets on the bookshelf. They offer a daily dose of joy and hope and raise our praises as Christmas nears.



*Happy 2nd week of Advent!*



## 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.



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## THANK YOU, KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!

From the CWL to all you beautiful ladies who knitted or crocheted hats for the women's shelter, a HUGE thank you! Because of you the ladies in the shelter will have a warmer Christmas.



## FIRST COMMUNION 2026



Gentle reminder that registrations for children receiving their First Communion are to be submitted by Dec. 15, 2025. Please drop off registrations at the parish office.






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