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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 2, 2018



Sept. 4th – Sept. 8th

Tues. 8:30 am – Agnes Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am – Francis Ip †

Thurs. Noon – Maria Soriano †

Fri. 8:30 am – Lawrence Wong †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Anthony Lee †

READINGS FOR – September 9th

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7

2nd Reading: James 2.1-5

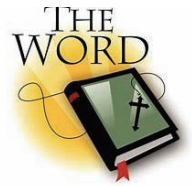
Gospel: Mark 7.31-37



THE WORD THIS WEEK:

"You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions."

We now return to Saint Mark for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship". He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practiced no longer.



In the First Reading (Deuteronomy) Moses addresses the gathered people. This is the formal presentation of the Law. It is important to realise that, though for us this Law is very ancient, at this time it was brand new. Moses is presenting something very new and significant to the people - something that their neighbours do not have: a law from their God.

The Second Reading, Saint James outlines his basic theory: God made us and has given us everything that is good and perfect. One of these gifts is His "word" - which means His Law, through Moses and through Jesus. James's clarity comes out in the line, "But you must do what the word tells you..." Then comes the blunt message: the question "What is true religion?" which many people would take pages and books to answer. James sorts it out in two lines: helping the poor and not being "contaminated" by the world.

Jesus said, "Listen to me all of you, and understand." Open your minds and hearts, internalize the Word of God by investing more time on Scripture. We may find that it starts to change the way we think, how we see the world around us, how we act and generally how we live – becoming the very person God wishes us to be.



WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are glad to have you back safe and sound.

We also extend a warm welcome to all those who have just moved into the area or are new to our parish family. We certainly hope that you will feel at home with us. Please take a moment to complete a registration form available in the foyer at the back of the church.

To welcome back all parishoners, The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them after each of the masses on September 22 and 23 in the parish hall.

LABOUR DAY

Traditionally, Labour Day was an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers' right during parades and picnics organized by trade unions. These still play a role on Labour Day for some Canadians, but for many it is an opportunity to take a late summer trip or enjoy the company of family and friends at picnics, fairs, festivals and fireworks displays. For students, it's getting ready to get back to another academic year. Enjoy and be safe!!



MOVIE NIGHT



"Bella"

Join us on
Friday, Sept 14th at 7:00 p.m.

An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that bring his career to an abrupt end. A waitress struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them both together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Bishop Robert Barron's new course – **"The Mass"**

This 6 weeks course begins on Tuesday Sept. 11th. Registration on Sept. 8th & 9th. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Group

Please join us to pray for the needs of our community and the world, with the recitation of the Scriptural Rosary and Lectio Divina. The first meeting is on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018 at 7 pm.

Ministry with Maturing Adults at Good Shepherd Church

Inviting men and women (50+) to learn more about faith development in the second half of life. First session - Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Topic: **"Reaching Out"**

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone 905-881-1534

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Community Service Projects:

Next weekend the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy.

We thank you for your support of this project.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join us in the parish hall during the **9:00 am** Mass beginning Sunday, September 9th. We are in dire need of student/adult volunteers. A reminder for high school students: assisting with this program qualifies as part of your mandatory community service assignment.



Humanitarian Relief – Flooding in Kerala, India

In late July, the state of Kerala, India was devastated by severe flooding due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season.

In an effort to support people in Kerala who have been impacted by this disaster, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be channeled through the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council. Funds will be used initially to provide food, drinking water, clothes and medicine to people who have been displaced. In the long term, funds will be used for the reconstruction of communities.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Good Shepherd Parish - 2018 Kerala Floods - Disaster Relief

Abuse and the Catholic Church

Recent reports of clergy abuse in the Church, most notably through the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, have prompted numerous questions. To access letters from Pope Francis, Cardinal Collins, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and other resources regarding this issue, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/about-us/safe-environment. You can also access policies outlining how the Archdiocese of Toronto responds to any allegation of misconduct by a member of the clergy or lay staff.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

"LOOKING AHEAD SEMINAR"

Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home will be hosting a "Looking Ahead Seminar". See poster on church bulletin board. For further information please call Holy Cross Cemetery at 905-889-7467.

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