

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

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: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 9, 2018



Sept. 11th – Sept. 15th

Tues. 8:30 am – John Wong †
Wed. 8:30 am – Raymond Kan †
Thurs. Noon – Anthony Toscano †
Fri. 8:30 am – Malena Dulanto †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Christina Todd †

READINGS FOR – September 16th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9
2nd Reading: James 2.14-18
Gospel: Mark 8.27-35



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.

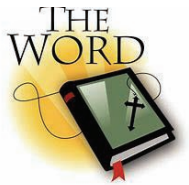
“FEED MY LAMBS”

Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend. There is a selection of **four, easy-to-make recipes** available for you. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend, September 15th and 16th. If you have not been able to participate in this wonderful program in the past, you are always welcome to start. If you have any questions concerning the program, someone will be available at the back of the church to assist you. Thank you to those who have faithfully supported this program. Your efforts to feed the hungry are greatly appreciated.



THE WORD THIS WEEK:

"He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."



What shows us the presence of God?

In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

Isaiah calls forth courage in each of us. "Be strong, do not fear," for God will save, giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. During the exile in Babylon, the Israelites must have felt abandoned and alone. Isaiah's news of God's everlasting love was a glimmer of light in the darkness.

In today's Gospel, God shows, through Jesus, His love to His people by overcoming social barriers and healing through touch. In a time of stringent laws of purity, this was a bold act of mercy. Illness and disability were seen as a sign of the presence of sin. Jesus reaches across this social boundary and wipes it away, healing the broken and demonstrating His love for the marginalized.



Saint James calls each of us to follow in Jesus' footsteps – may we participate in the kingdom by reaching beyond barriers in order to show kindness and love to others. The sign of God's miraculous love is present to us every day through words and deeds that, inspired by grace, bring healing and comfort. These small miracles bring God's light to the places of darkness in our world. If we open our hearts to this visceral love, won't we too want to zealously share the Good News?

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.

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

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. Don't forget to register.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
September 21 to 23, 2018



You are cordially invited to spend a weekend of peace, joy and great spiritual intimacy with our triune God at The Holy Ground – Manresa with the retreat theme: "WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." (Retreat Time: 8:30 p.m. Friday, September 21 to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 23)

COST: Suggested offering \$220 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. For more information and reservation, please contact Tony Salvosa at 416-494-0560 or email aaasalv@yahoo.ca

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

St. Mike's Annual Book Sale

September 25 1:00 p.m. to September 29, 3:00 p.m.

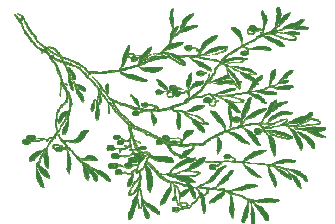
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"We must restore hope to the young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

Pope Francis



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