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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 16, 2018



Sept. 18th – Sept. 22nd

Tues. 8:30 am - Chung Wai Ching †
Wed. 8:30 am - George Marfan and
Leung Pui King †
Thurs. Noon - John Wong †
Fri. 8:30 am - Sarah Josephine Scola †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Joseph, Georgette
and Samir Assal †

READINGS FOR – September 23rd

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20
2nd Reading: James 3.16-4.3
Gospel: Mark 9.30-37



WELCOME BACK

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The regular monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on Monday, September 17th beginning at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. (No mass this evening)



CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:15 pm



If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected.

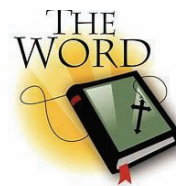
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“We...sin not because we want what is evil, but because we want what isn't good enough.”

– Scott Hahn

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

"You are the Christ." "The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously."



As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a King who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question, "Who is Jesus?" these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us. Like Peter, how often do we try to make over Jesus into our image? Often we try to make Jesus into someone we think He should be instead of taking Jesus for who he is.

The first reading would be more familiar in Lent or on Good Friday than at the beginning of September, but it is here for a purpose. Have a look at the Gospel, where we see Jesus recognized as the Messiah – the Promised King. It is important for the disciples to realize what kind of King he is, and for us too. The way of Jesus is to lose yourself, to let go and be in God. Belief in God is more than assent to abstract concepts. It is a relationship with someone and, in relationships, we have to give something of ourselves to grow with the other.

Saint James tells us that faith alone will not save anyone, but faith has to be manifest in relationships. Pope Francis reminds us time and again that relationships are the key to a life of faith. Doctrine without people at its heart is not good teaching.



As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist today, let us ask for the courage to accept Jesus as He is and not as we want Him to be.

Let the Mass today be your prayerful next step: then give God glory and praise as you boldly proclaim the Messiah in our broken world.

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.

Registration is a **MUST**.

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

CWL Annual Apple Pie Event

Ladies and gentlemen! We welcome anyone who would like to help us on Saturday, September 29th, peeling and cutting 15 bushels of apples & assembling pies. An 'Early Bird' start at 8am preparing apples and from 9:00 am until about 1pm assembling pies. Please sign up at the back of the church today. Bring your favourite peeler, paring knife, cutting board and lots of enthusiasm. We will provide the pastry and all the other ingredients. Pies will be sold after all the Masses Sept. 29th and 30th. For further information contact: Mary Ann Quail at maquail@rogers.com or 905-881-9068.



Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church 4260 Cawthra Road, Mississauga

The precious Relic of the True Cross of Christ will visit St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Saturday, October 13th, 2018. Special Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev.

Wayne Kirkpatrick at 4:00 p.m., followed by the adoration of the Relic of the True Cross of Christ.

New Beginnings Presents:

Approaching the Annulment Process

Learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage, separation/divorce and annulments.

Speaker: Fr. Alex Laschuk, JCD, PhD

When: Monday, November 26

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

At: St. Clare of Assisi, 150 St. Francis St., bridge

Register @ <https://atapstc.eventbrite.ca> or

Call: 416-587-7687



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Come & See Weekend

St. Augustine's Seminary
November 2-4, 2018

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

"A liturgy detached from spiritual worship would risk becoming empty, devoid of Christian originality, sacred in a generic sense, quasi magical, and a hollow aestheticism. As an action of Christ, liturgy has an inner impulse to be transformed in the sentiments of Christ, and in this dynamism all reality is transfigured. "Our daily life — in our body, in small things — must be profusely inspired, immersed in the divine reality, it must become action together with God."

Pope Francis

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