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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.

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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 14, 2018



Oct. 16th – Oct. 20th

Tues. 8:30 am – Peter Luo – Sp. Intention
Wed. 8:30 am – Pui-King Leung †
Thurs. Noon - Joseph Li – Sp. Intention
Fri. 8:30 am - George Mar Fan †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Alexander, Hyacinth and Cynthia Todd †

READINGS FOR – October 21st

1st Reading: Isaiah 53.10-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16
Gospel: Mark 10.35-45



World Mission Sunday

October 21



At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics

throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions.

“How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! ... I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples.”

Pope Francis

ATTENTION YOUTH

We invite all students Grade 7 and up to join the F.L.O.C.K. (Youth Group) after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, October 14th. If you have any questions please email us at flock.gsp@gmail.com.



Heads Up: Headcount

October 13th/14th & October 20th/21st

Please note, the Archdiocese will be conducting a headcount survey in all parish and mission communities the weekends of October 13th/14th and October 20th/21st.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Go and sell everything you own and follow me.”



In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to us. When Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, “he was shocked and went away grieving”. His face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. How sad it is that such a keen, and by all accounts, good young man could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back, his dependence on money. Jesus’ words “... how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!”, perhaps indicates his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus’ answer implies that keeping the Commandments is not enough. It is a good start, but it is not enough. At first glance it seems as though Jesus is a little harsh with the young man, but then Jesus looks at him and loves him, as if he senses his dilemma.

Is this lesson about divesting oneself of possessions and choosing the frugal itinerant life? Jesus was saying something even more important: give away your attachment not only to possessions, but also to the stature and prestige we associate with possessions. It is easy to get caught up in depending upon ourselves, but our relationship with Jesus calls us to a radical trust. Put Jesus first and let everything else go.

Jesus’ answer, said with love, convicts the man of holding back. His words shock the man out of his illusion that he is on his way to eternal life, for “the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword” – he must accept the challenge and go deeper. It is no easy thing – he must sacrifice everything to follow Jesus. It seemed impossible to him. What happened to the man? Did he accept the challenge? Do we? We will never know if the rich man gave away all his possessions to follow Jesus. All we can truly know is what we are willing to give up so we can be true Disciples of Christ.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Gentle reminder, please indicate your donation amount on your envelopes. This will help the counters immensely.

Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children's First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Spring 2019 Sacramental Preparation for children in Grade 2 or older, will occur through a series of classes that you attend with your child on Saturday mornings beginning on Saturday, January 9th from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m., at the church. First Holy Communion Mass is planned for Sunday June 23rd at the 11:00 a.m. mass.



To register, we ask that you please attend an information session on Sat. Oct. 20th at 9:45 a.m. or Tue. Oct. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. A copy of your child's baptism certificate and a fee of \$35 (cash or cheques made out to Good Shepherd Parish) is required for registration.

If you are unable to attend the information session or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nisha Fernandes via email: nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca.



"FEED MY LAMBS" October 13th and 14th

Casserole Pans will be available for pick up after masses this weekend. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite

all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for 10 homeless people at **The Good Shepherd Centre**.

Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Oct. 19, 2018

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

Topic: **"The Challenge of Forgiveness"**

Friday, Oct. 26, 2018

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

Topic: **"Gratitude and Celebration"**

Inviting men & women 50+ to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL will hold their regular meeting on Monday October 15th beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker this month is Carol VanZuben who has graciously agreed to share with us her experiences with Autism. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Wednesday, November 7th - 6:30 to 8 pm

Our parish runs on volunteer power and each and every individual is important to the overall success of our community. Father Anthony would like to invite all those who volunteer to drop in, here at the church, on **Wednesday, November 7th** between the hours of 6:30 and 8:00 pm for a small reception including sandwiches, hot hors d'oeuvres, vegetables & dip, dessert, wine, coffee, tea etc. PLUS a Raffle. We ask that you contact your committee leader to confirm your attendance, and once again, thank you for all you do to assist us.



CLOTHING DRIVE

October 20th and 21st

The Knights of Columbus and CWL will be collecting your donations of **MEN'S** clothing for Good Shepherd Refuge. Warm outerwear is especially needed as winter is not far away. (Clothing for women and babies are welcome as these will be given to Rosalie Hall.) Please label all items as either men/women/baby as this will save time when sorting. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate.

Canadian Bishops Issue Document on Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults

On October 4, the bishops of Canada issued new national guidelines for the protection of minors in Canada. Entitled *Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation*, this document first and foremost, focuses on minors and vulnerable adults, whom Canada's bishops wish to protect from sexual violence. The document can be found at www.cccb.ca. Since 1989, the Archdiocese of Toronto has had an extensive safe environment policy in place, including a procedure for allegations of abuse or misconduct. That document can be found at <https://www.archtoronto.org/about-us/safe-environment>.



Thank you to Catherine Ger and the members of her Decorating Committee for the beautiful autumn and Thanksgiving decorations in our church.

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