

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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 4, 2018



Nov 6th – Nov 10th

Tues. 8:30 am - Ines & Albert Nurisso †
Wed. 8:30 am - Mark Williams †
Thurs. Noon - Souls in Purgatory †
Fri. 8:30 am - Raymond Kan †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Deceased members of The Knights of Columbus of Good Shepherd Council 8340 †



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saturday, November 10th, the Mass at 4:30 p.m. is being offered for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Good Shepherd Council 8340 and their families. Please remember them in your prayers.

READINGS FOR – November 11th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28
Gospel: Mark 12.38-44



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.



Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. With winter approaching, the need is ever more heightened, please consider making a casserole for the less fortunate.



Chalice (Catholic Charity) invites you to share the blessing of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Please find the gift catalogues at the back of the church. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This is the first commandment; the second is like it."

Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking, "This religion of yours, what's it all about?" Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things, love of God and love of neighbour which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our fellowmen, our neighbors, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbor because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
NIGHT
Wed., 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.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale at the back of the Church next weekend. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass; to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed sets for 2019 envelopes will be available shortly. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set issued, please take a moment and complete a form in the foyer today.



If there is a change in address, phone number, etc., please inform the office in **writing**. Please email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or drop off the changes at the office.



**GOOD SHEPHERD'S 2nd ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT
SUN., DECEMBER 9th at 3 p.m.**

Details and dates will be posted for sign up and rehearsal upon confirmation. Stay tuned!!

Daylight Saving Time in Canada first observed in 1908. When local daylight time is about to reach, Sunday, November 4, 2018, **2:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to **1:00 am** local standard time instead.



Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"The Creative Age"**

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Topic: **"The Ministry of Care Giving"**

Dates and topics will be announced in December for the Winter 2019 Program.

Inviting men & women 50+ to attend.

Humanae Vitae Conference - Faithful to God's Design

Saturday, November 10, 2018 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

9 a.m. - Mass with Cardinal Collins at St. Basil's Parish

50 St. Joseph St., Toronto

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Conference

Sam Sorbara Auditorium

Brennan Hall, University of St. Michael's College

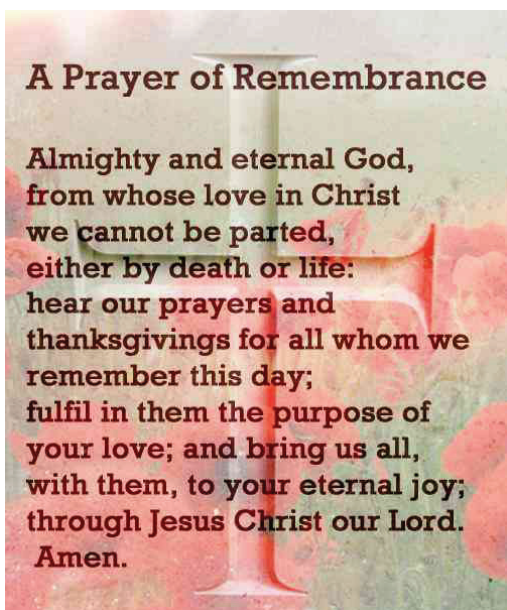
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All are welcome to attend a one-day conference marking the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Humanae Vitae*. Mary Eberstadt, Dr. Maria Wolfs, Steven Mosher and Fr. Raymond de Souza will speak on the prophetic and enduring wisdom of this encyclical. The day begins with Mass with Cardinal Collins at St. Basil's Parish, followed by a full-day conference at the University of St. Michael's College.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for religious and clergy. **TICKETS:**

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**Remembrance Day
November 11, 2018**



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