

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.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 11, 2018



Nov 13th – Nov 17th

Tues. 8:30 am – Kazimiera Chmura †

Wed. 8:30 am – Francis Ip †

Thurs. Noon - Theo D'Mello †

Fri. 8:30 am - Deceased Members Ko &
Leung Families †

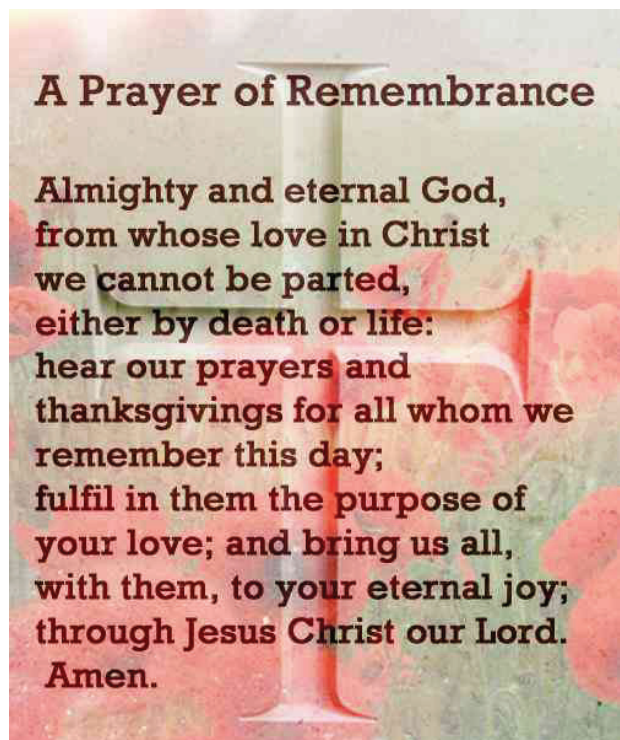
Sat. 4:30 pm - Frank Flanagan †

READINGS FOR – November 18th

1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32



**Remembrance Day
November 11, 2018**

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS will be available for sale at the back of the Church this 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.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This poor widow has put in more than all."

Today's readings centre on generosity. Widowhood in Jesus' time was heart-wrenching. Widows not only lost their husbands, but also all sense of security since women couldn't inherit wealth or own property. Those without means were left entirely dependent on the generosity of others so survive.

God does not have favourites, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the widows and orphans - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

In contrast to the poor widows, we are so blessed. We may have one or more of time, health, family or wealth. We too can give generously of any or all of these gifts once we realize that, in the end, none of them are ours. They are all from God.

Today is also Remembrance Day, a day when we honour men and women who gave their lives in the pursuit of peace. Their self-offering was an act of hope. This is also a day when we are reminded of the horrors of war and of some of the worst aspects of our shared human nature. Our Gospel today underlines the necessity of each person accepting, and relying on, God's grace and goodness. Peace comes in every moment of conversation, turning away from the darkness in our hearts and in the world. When we turn toward the Lord, and offer him everything, we make room for peace to break in.

Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

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.

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.



PEANUT BUTTER, COOKIES AND SOCKS

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

November 18th marks the 2nd World Day for the Poor and the CWL is asking all parishioners to get involved by helping the homeless by making a donation of Peanut Butter, Cookies or Socks. These are much needed items. Our goal is to collect **2019** pairs of socks. We will be collecting donations at the back of the church on the weekend of November 17th and 18th.

We are truly blessed with a very giving community and we say thank you in advance for all your gracious donations.

P.S. Bobby's (Store at Shops on Steeles) has socks on sale!!

FEED MY LAMBS

Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass today. Please return your frozen casseroles next weekend, November 17th and 18th. 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**.



SANTA CLAUS PARADE "After Party"

Sunday, November 18, 2018 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
St. Patrick's Church - 131 McCaul Street, Toronto
Head on over to St. Patrick's Neumann Hall following the Santa Clause Parade and warm up with hot chocolate. Enjoy crafts and activities for the whole family. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather after the parade. RSVP by Friday, November 16 by contacting Sarah Miller at familyministry@stpatrikstoronto.ca.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 17th and 18th



As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. As we celebrate the 176th anniversary of our Archdiocese, we honour the men who have been instruments of the "Foundations of our Faith." Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 17th/18th. Envelopes will be distributed this weekend. The fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR

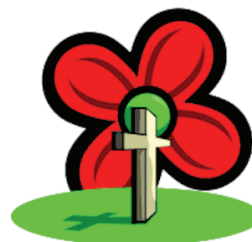
November 24th and 25th



The ladies of the CWL will be holding the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale after all masses. Come and check out the assortment of Christmas Crafts, knitted goods, Christmas Baskets, baked goods and a raffle in the church hall. There will be something for everyone on your list. We would be happy to receive donations of baked goods from all members of the parish. Donations can be dropped off after 2:00 pm on Saturday Nov. 24 and before the Masses on Sunday, Nov. 25.

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!!



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