

# 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**

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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 30, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Oscar Castillo & Family †

Wed. 8:30 am – James Young Bin Park †

Thurs. 12:00 p.m. – Harry Kightly †

Fri. 8:30 am – Stanley Tarocinski †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Jim Howe †

## Readings for Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 66.10-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 6.14-18

Gospel: Luke 1-1-12, 17-20



## ShareLife

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**Thank you** to everyone who has contributed to the 2019 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a bright future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. Donations will continue to be credited to this year's campaign until July 31, 2019. To date our collection total is **\$99,712.00**. Our goal of **\$141,000.00** is in reach. The need is always there and we gratefully accept donations throughout the year. Donations are also accepted online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org). Please continue to give to this worthy cause and help us reach our goal.

## VACATION TIME

If you hold a position of importance at our Sunday Masses we thank you for your service. We would like to remind you that our Masses will continue as scheduled throughout the summer months. By finding a substitute to take your place, you will be helping to ensure that our Sunday Liturgical Celebrations will remain as meaningful as possible for those who attend.

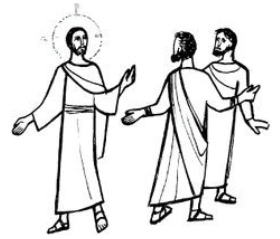
## SPECIAL NOTICE

This will be the final bulletin until Labour Day. For your convenience, daily Mass intentions will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions concerning upcoming events or pulpit announcements, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem."

"I will follow you wherever you go."



Among the various incidents gathered together by Luke in these verses of his gospel we have heard today, perhaps the lesson that should strike all of us most is his insistence on total dedication on the part of his true followers to his service. We cannot be for Christ and against Him at the same time. "He who gathers not with me, scatters", he himself said. We are followers of Christ since our baptism. In theory this is the fact, but in practice how real is this fact for many of us? Are we really following Christ during the twenty-four hours of every day of our lives? Are our eyes always fixed on the true future which awaits us? Are we prepared to plow a straight furrow no matter what snags or obstacles may be on our way? How few of us can answer "yes, we are," to these straight questions?

If we only realized how reasonable God's demands are, and how every demand He makes on us is for our own benefit and not His, we would be a little more generous in our response to His calls. He does not need us—we need Him. We could slip in a few more short prayers during the day: we could find more time to take a true interest in the eternal and less in the temporal. We could manage to give a helping hand and a word of encouragement to a needy neighbor. Yes, all of us could do a lot more to show to Christ and to the world that we are following him gladly and honestly. However, no matter how many times we've delayed responding to God's call, His invitation stands. Even though we've gone our own way, Christ finds us where we are and requests our company on His mission.

Being a disciple of Christ is not easy. It implies a leap of faith. It requires us to freely choose, every single day, to live for something greater than ourselves.





July 1<sup>st</sup> is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

We also urge you to take advantage of the many Canada Day Activities and Events to discover and appreciate the wealth and diversity of Canadian society and show your love of Canada and your pride in being Canadian!!

### What is Ordinary Time?

The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life — with its celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet growth and maturing. Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest season of the Liturgical Year.



Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever — Hebrews 13:8

Investments usually green, the color of hope and growth, the Church counts the thirty-three or thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time, inviting her children to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ — his life, miracles and teachings — in the light of his Resurrection.

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in The Spring of 2020

Registration for children 7 years and older who are ready to receive Holy Communion will take place in October 2019. Preparation classes will be held at the church on Saturday mornings between Feb. – June 2020, and First Holy Communion Mass is planned for Sunday, June 14th. Dates for the lessons will be provided at the time of Registration.

### FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us for the two part **Little Rock Scripture Study: Alive in the Word on Women of Promise and Trust** in the Old and New Testaments. This six weeks course begins on Tuesday Sept., 17th. Registration on the weekend of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in September.



Prayer Group will commence on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

Our parish will continue Ministry with Maturing Adults this fall to support the lifelong faith development and spiritual growth of men and women in the second half of life (50+). Mark the date: **Sept. 20th & 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Successive dates and further information will be provided in September. There is no cost for this program. Facilitator: Viola Athaide

### Pilgrimage of Love 2019

**Saturday, August 3, 2019 9:00 am to Sunday, August 11, 2019 5:00 pm**

All Saints Roman Catholic Church  
1415 Royal York Rd. Toronto, Ont.  
The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual "Pilgrimage of Love," organized by the United Society to support the activities for our youth will be held at Teopoli from August 3-11, 2019, starting at All Saints Church in Etobicoke and terminating at the Holy Cross of Teopoli, near Gravenhurst. All are invited to participate for the whole pilgrimage or for part of it. If you're unable to walk, please support this initiative in other ways by donating your talents, food, being a driver or helping us financially. For further information, please call our office at 416-243-7319. Visit our website at [www.teopoli.com](http://www.teopoli.com).

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