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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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email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 8, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 10th - Sept. 14th

Tues. 8:30 am – Lawrence Wong †

Wed. 8:30 am – Angelo Comella †

Thurs. Noon – Raymond Kan †

Fri. 8:30 am – Dr. Ivan & Heather Lee Sang
60th Wedding Anniversary

Sat. 4:30 pm – Chung Wai Ching †

READINGS FOR – September 15th

1st Reading: Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

Gospel: Luke 15.1-32



WELCOME SEPTEMBER



Worship

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are happy to have you back safe and sound.

We also extend a warm welcome to all those who have just moved into the area or are new to our parish

family. We certainly hope that you will feel at home with us. Please take a moment to complete a registration form available in the foyer at the back of the church.

To welcome back all parishioners, The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them after each of the masses for some light refreshments on September 14 and 15 in the parish hall.

The Legion of Mary invites you to the living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us to honour and venerate our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her intentions and the intentions our Church.



The Legion of Mary will run a Columban Drive after all weekend Masses on Sept. 14 & 15. Membership is open to juniors, 7 to 17, adults and seniors. Please come and meet the legionaries in the church foyer.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

The Gospel teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them.

The Gospel starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really hate our family to be the Lord's disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, who can know the intentions of God? The result of following God is everlasting life. Our lives are perishable. We return to dust, but God has promised to restore and perfect the life we originally received. Christ came to show us that our earthly lifespan does not have to be all we know. God has prepared something so much better, eternal paradise, for us to enjoy without end.



FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Little Rock Scripture Study
Alive in the Word Series

Sarah & Hagar – Women of Promise
Trust – Confidence in the God of Salvation

Course Length – 6 Weeks

Registration – Weekend of September 14/15

Cost: \$15.00

Start Date: Tuesday September 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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. First session - Friday, Sept. 20, 2019

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

Topic: **“The Golden Years Seminar”**

For people in the golden years and those who love them or care for them.

Register: gspadmin@bellnet.ca or phone

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Join us on
Friday, Sept 13th at 7:00 p.m.
“Courageous”

Sheriff's deputy Adam Mitchell (Alex Kendrick) endures a terrible personal tragedy that causes him to question what is really important to him. Taking comfort in his religion, Adam vows to become a better parent to his teenage son (Rusty Martin), and convinces his friends on the force to sign a pledge that they will all strive to become better Christians and better parents. Unfortunately, one of the men's moral compass appears to be broken when it comes to earning some fast money.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

This weekend, after each mass, we will have with us a guest, Sebastien Cardinal, representing “Handicraft Holy Land Christians”. He will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Cash, debit and visa cards will be accepted. May God bless you for your generosity, help and prayers.



FEED MY LAMBS



Next weekend is the monthly collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. There is a selection of **four easy-to-make recipes** available for you after all Masses this weekend. If you have not been able to participate in this wonderful program in the past, you are always welcome to start. If you have any questions concerning the program, someone will be available at the back of the church to assist you. Congratulations to those who have faithfully supported this program. Your efforts to feed the hungry are greatly appreciated and we thank you.

Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective

A federal election will be held on October 21, 2019. To help educate Catholic voters through the lens of our faith, the Archdiocese of Toronto is hosting a debate from a Catholic perspective on Thursday October 3rd with candidates from the four major political parties. Moderated by veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this free ticketed event will be held at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with an audience of 1,000 guests. For more information, elections resources and to order your free tickets, visit: www.archtoronto.org/election - we hope you'll join us on October 3rd as we educate, reflect and act leading up to the October 21st election.

RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 20 – 22, 2019

You are cordially invited to spend a weekend of peace, joy and great spiritual intimacy with our triune God at Manresa with the retreat theme: “From Religion to Relationship: A deeper experience of God” with Father Michael Rosinski, S.J. For more information and reservation, please contact Tony Salvosa at 416-494-0560 or email aaasalv@yahoo.ca

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join us in the parish hall during the **9:00 am** Mass beginning Sunday, September 8th. We are in dire need of student/adult volunteers. A reminder for high school students: assisting with this program qualifies as part of your mandatory community service assignment.

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