

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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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 22, 2023



Jan. 24th – Jan. 28th

- Tues. 8:30 am – Noreen Lobo †
- Wed. 8:30 am – Calogero Graci †
- Thurs. Noon – Kevin D’Mello †
- Fri. 8:30 am – Giuseppe Graci †
- Sat. 4:30 pm – Raymond Reix †

READINGS FOR – January 29th

- 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13
- 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
- Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form.

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. If you are currently signed up and you would like to increase your donation for 2023, please contact the office. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2022 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2023 will count towards next year’s tax receipt.) All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

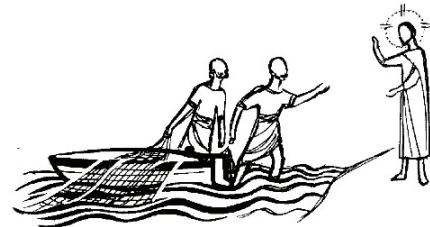
“He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.”

The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God’s involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as ‘The Light’ that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God’s initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God’s light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus’ presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God’s initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This Sunday’s Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God’s original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives. Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.





Good Shepherd Parish extends heartfelt best wishes for a Happy New Year to our Asian parishioners who are such an integral part of our parish family.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH



Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your local community. An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate. Your regular donations ensure that the church can manage its staff, programs and ongoing operating costs. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Arch. of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.

“DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE”



The 2023 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, is “Do good; seek justice.” Based on Isaiah 1:12-17, the international theme and materials call Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family.

“Isaiah challenged God’s people in his day to learn to do good *together*; to seek justice *together*, to rescue the oppressed *together*, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow *together*. The prophet’s challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another’s lived experiences?”

Annual Shepherd's Mass St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street Toronto, ON M5B 1X5. February 2 2023

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Celebrates Annual Shepherd's Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2023

7:00 pm Praise & Worship
7:30 pm Holy Mass
Fellowship right after the Mass

Main Celebrant: Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun
Fr. Matthias Amuzu - Spiritual Director
Deacon John Coletti - Liaison to the Cardinal

Please join us

Let us celebrate together. Please share this invitation with all Groups. Kindly bring fingerfoods to share.

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