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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Oct. 4, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Oct. 6th – Oct. 10th

Tues. 8:30 am – Irene Funk †

Wed. 8:30 am – Helena D’Souza – Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Shelegy & Major Families †

Fri. 8:30 am – Maria Insignares †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Mendez Family †

READINGS FOR – October 11th

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-4



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October 11 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In light of the present situation, Special Collections have been allocated to different dates. Please note the dates for the following Special Collections:

The Pope’s Pastoral Works – October 3-4

World Mission Sunday – October 17-18

We thank you in advance for your generous contributions during these difficult times.

Toronto Serra Clubs

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.

At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of its parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- 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.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

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



We have received approval from the Archdiocese to go ahead with Masses for First Communion celebrations. For the children initially registered for First Communion in 2020, effected by



COVID, this will take place on **Sunday November 1st at 3pm** and **Sunday November 8th at 3pm**, to divide the group in half. These will be dedicated Masses for the First Communion candidates, so that each family has an entire pew to themselves, to be able to invite up to 10 members from your circles to attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout, with details closer to the dates.

You can send me your preferred date, and I will confirm it once your child's preparation process is complete (as below). If you are not able to commit to either date, let me know so we can explore options. If you and your family do not think your child is ready to receive this year, they are welcome to join next year's 2021 class.

Lector Formation Webinar

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites Lectors into a deeper understanding of the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church, and the Liturgy of the Word through formation sessions offered throughout the year. This session will cover topics such as the role of the Liturgy of the Word with a focus specifically on Sunday Mass; the importance of the Proclamation of the Word of God; the importance of Sacred Scripture in the Church; how the Scriptures came to be and the Church's interpretation; and the policies of the Archdiocese of Toronto, best practices, and practical tips. Please register as soon as possible as space is limited. This formation opportunity is the same as the in-person events that have been offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship. Information about how to join the webinar will be sent to the email provided at registration closer to the event.

Training is open to current Readers (Lectors) and clergy.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Online

CONTACT: Okonkwo at 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or

eokonkwo@archtoronto.org

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"He will lease the vineyard to other tenants."



There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable:

the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

The tenants in the parable are the Pharisees, who persecuted God's prophets and killed His son. They had God, in the person of Jesus, living among them, teaching them, eating with them, performing miracles before their eyes. Yet they were so sure that they knew who God was that they did not recognize Him. Their faith had become about their status and their laws, not about God. We must remember that our faith is not only a series of truths or practices. It is a relationship with Jesus. We must have open eyes, ears and hearts to recognize His presence in our midst. We must talk to, listen to and spend time with Him in prayer, Mass and adoration.



Community Service Projects

Trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. We thank those who have been committed to this program. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for 10 underprivileged people at the Good Shepherd Centre.

The Ladies of the CWL extend their heartfelt thanks for the generous support of our parish to Rosalie Hall's "Diaper Drive". Your contributions have brightened the hearts of many young mothers and their little ones. Cash donations will be used for much needed infant formula.



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