

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: gspadmin@bellnet.ca

website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 5, 2021



Sept. 7th – Sept. 11th

Tues. 8:30 am – Helen D’Souza – Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 am – Patrick Valentine O’Connell †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony Lee †

Fri. 8:30 am - Thomas & Louisa Lee – Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm - Simion Mera †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 12th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9

2nd Reading: James 2.14-18

Gospel: Mark 8.27-35



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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. 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 Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.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.



The Word This Week

"He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."



What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both His preaching and His miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in His own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as He displays to the people of His own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that He calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

St. James calls each of us to follow in Jesus' footsteps – may we participate in the kingdom by reaching beyond barriers in order to show kindness and love to others. The sign of God's miraculous love is present to us every day through words and deeds that, inspired by grace, bring healing and comfort. These small miracles bring God's light to the places of darkness in our world. If we open our hearts to this visceral love, won't we too want to zealously share the Good News?

Sponsor a Child from Haiti - 2021

The earthquake in Haiti on August 14th caused extensive damage in communities where Chalice supports more than 480 children. Clinics, rectories, schools, and houses have collapsed. Many residents are sleeping and spending their days in open spaces. You can help now by sponsoring a child from the 82 children who are waiting to be sponsored in Haiti at: <https://chalice.ca/sponsor-a-child>

Happy Workers day! Enjoy and be safe.



We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are glad 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.

As a gentle reminder, please ensure that all WorshipSafe guidelines are followed. The faithful should be reminded not to congregate in large numbers in or around the church before or after services. Particular attention should be directed to weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Livestream Masses will continue to be offered at many parishes for those who cannot physically attend Mass at this time. The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues at this time.

Prayer In Time of COVID



Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop

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Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Sept. 11&12). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans.

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Saturday, Sept. 18th and Sunday, Sept. 19th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

Changes to Livestream Coverage at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the livestream Masses from [St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica](#) in Toronto gained a loyal following among Catholics living all around the world. We were happy to be there for the faithful during the worst days of the lockdowns. However, as Canada continues its gradual return to normal life, the cathedral is starting to transition back to its pre-pandemic routines. As such, starting on Monday, August 30, weekday [Mass livestreams from the cathedral](#) will move from 7:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday Masses from the cathedral will continue to be livestreamed at noon. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will regularly celebrate livestreamed Sunday Masses starting on August 30.

ShareLife

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The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million.

Our parish goal is \$123,200.00

Living the Gospel by supporting young parents.

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 150,000 people locally last year. They include 1,900 young pregnant and parenting women and their babies. These women take parenting classes, receive diapers and healthy food and get one-on-one support as they complete their high school education. We encourage you to support this work by making a gift to ShareLife via the parish website or at [sharelife.org](#).

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