

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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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 12, 2021



Sept. 14th – Sept. 18th

Tues. 8:30 am - Nicolae Cherulescu †

Wed. 8:30 am - Wing Yee Au †

Thurs. Noon - Theresa Quigley †

Fri. 8:30 am - Veronica Lau †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Angela Teremzia †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 19th

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

2nd Reading: James 3.16 – 4.3

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37



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 Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.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

God's great work is the creation and redemption of the world wrought through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The one essential work in which we are all called to participate is God's transforming love.

The Word This Week

"You are the Christ."

"The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously."

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is



brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when He tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts His own cross and reminds all His followers that the cross is a part of following Him. If we are considering the question, "Who is Jesus?" these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that He accepts for us.

The way of Jesus is to lose yourself, to let go and be in God. Belief in God is more than assent to abstract concepts. It is a relationship with someone and, in relationships, we have to give something of ourselves to grow with the other.

Let the Mass today be your prayerful next step; then give God glory and praise as you boldly proclaim the Messiah in our broken world.

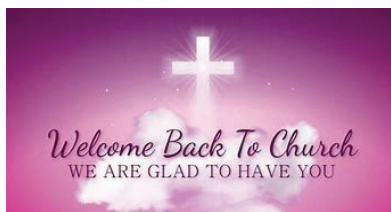
Sponsor a Child from Haiti - 2021

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>

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*...and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
1 Corinthians 13: 13*



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

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

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MINISTRIES

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this 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.



Living the Gospel by supporting Residents of Long-term Care

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors. "It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work." Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.

**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

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**Friday, October 22, 2021 - Sunday, October 24, 2021
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