

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 19, 2021



Sept. 21st – Sept. 25th

Tues. 8:30 am - Michael & Katherine Browne

Special Intention

Wed. 8:30 am - Salvatore Cirinna †

Thurs. Noon - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Leung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Michael Chung †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Elvera Lamie †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 26th

1st Reading: Numbers 11.25-29

2nd Reading: James 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48



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 Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.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



COVIDKIDS/COVIDANGELS

Thanks to all parishioners and CWL members for your tremendous support for this venture supporting MakerCare. Over 70 dolls have been made so far. Anyone wishing further information please contact Mary Williams at: williamsknits@gmail.com



The Word This Week

"The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all."

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

In today's readings we see the human dynamics that underlie our propensity to sacrifice the innocent. But we also see Christ's answer to those dynamics. If we are not to be people who sacrifice the innocent, we must be, as James says "peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy," or as Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be the first must be last of all and servant of all."

The sacrifice we offer at Mass today, then, is not an innocent victim presented to an angry God, but a loving victim who offered himself to God precisely by offering himself to us, even as we "condemned him to a shameful death."





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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— Cardinal Thomas Collins

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CONFIRMATION MEETING GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 7:00-8:00 PM

This is a very important meeting for both parents and children to attend if you wish to be confirmed this school year. Anyone registered at Good Shepherd who does not attend one of our parish schools and wishes to be confirmed please contact the office (905-881-1534).

Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women 55+ Via Zoom Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Praying with the Psalms
Every Friday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.
ZUMBA – Dance & Exercise

To register for both, please call the Church office 905-881-1534.

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SEPTEMBER 26 2021 – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly Canada wide. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in the ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

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and he who abides in love
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