

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

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 26, 2021



Sept. 28th – Oct. 2nd

Tues. 8:30 am - John & Albert Kneider Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 am - Kightly Family †

Thurs. Noon - Michael Chung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Mary Castillo Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm - Austin Montero †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 3rd

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16



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 Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.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



FIRST FRIDAY

October 1, 2021

8:30 a.m. Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be retired.

The Word This Week

**"Anyone who is not against us, is for us.
If your hand should cause you to sin,
cut it off."**

How many times have people been stereotyped and even excluded when we have heard or thought, "but they are not one of us!" Today, we are presented with two instances in which the followers of Moses and Jesus fail to grasp that the Spirit of the Lord has no limits and is certainly not under their control.

The apostles did not understand Jesus' inclusive love and outreach. While Moses recognized the Spirit, he understood that not everyone did: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and the Lord would put His spirit on them." But we are born into a world in which the Spirit of God is already at work. Jesus invites us all to live with reverence for a missionary God who moves and acts in way unknown to us – and to do so with openness and respect for all creation.

Saint James has been 'firing from the hip' for the last few weeks, but here he really lets himself go! This is a brilliant piece of rhetoric, where we can clearly see the man who passionately believes in justice pouring out his detestation of those who cheat their workers and see life as a chance to make money. It starts with wonderful abruptness: "An answer for the rich. Start crying."

The words of the Lord, "Anyone who is not against us is for us," should be taken to heart this Sunday. Let us recognize anyone who helps the poor, serves peace and justice and does what the Lord Jesus wants as our co-worker, whatever the 'label' they work under.



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).

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



Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you. As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

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Friday, October 22, 2021 - Sunday, October 24, 2021
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. We collected forty-five casseroles and nine pounds of other food items. The Good Shepherd Centre is grateful for the support provided by our parishioners. Your help supports seniors, people living on disability payments, people earning minimum wage and homeless men and women.

St. Michael's College School

The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for Sept. 2022. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7-12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to register at ApplySMCS.com. St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.



Reflecting on the Pastoral Plan Of the Archdiocese of Toronto

Parish Life

How can each member of our parish be encouraged to use their unique gifts and talents in service of the Church? For more reflections, resources and information on the *Pastoral Plan*, visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral

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 and he who abides in love
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