

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 3, 2021



Oct. 5th – Oct. 9th

Tues. 8:30 am - Yolanda Browne - Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 am - Carolina Girod – Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon - Helen D’Souza – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 am - Michael Chung †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Domenic & Catherine Fung
50th Wedding Anniversary

READINGS FOR – Oct. 10th

1st Reading: Wisdom 7.7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4.12-13

Gospel: Mark 10.17-30



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

The Word This Week

"What God has united, man must not divide."

Given the increasingly secular times in which we live, one can imagine how fragile conversations centered on marriage and family can be. That said, as Catholics, we are called to humbly and lovingly share God’s teachings and reinforce our faith’s mission in a world not always open to or familiar with the Good News. Since the dawning of creation, God designed man and woman to both complement and unite with one another, bearing children as fruits of their love. In essence, two reciprocal halves are to become whole and combine to create new blessings.



In Mark’s Gospel we hear that marital law commands obedience. Jesus states clearly that marriage is to be an eternal bond between man and woman, with a loving and committed heart shared by both spouses. Any experience outside of this context or any human dissolution of this union, we can deduce, contravenes the will of God. However, we must not harden our hearts like those of the Pharisees who tested Jesus. We also see a call for compassion and empathy. “Let the children come to me.”

Despite our frailties and failings, we know that when we fall short, a loving God awaits. Prejudices, biases and barriers melt away when we see each other truly as children of God.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

SL ShareLife

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“Live the Gospel” on ShareLife Sunday

We encourage you to give during this weekend’s special collection. You can also donate online via the parish website or at sharelife.org. By doing so, you’ll be making a real difference in the lives of poor and marginalized members of our community.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 - Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021
Virtual/Online

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

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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.

First Holy Communion June 2022



Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that First Holy Communion Mass will take place June 19th and 26th, 2022. Sacramental preparation will take the form of a combination of Virtual and In-person Sessions. Registration will occur by email and through the parish office, with deadline to register by Jan 16th, 2022. Please contact First Communion Coordinator Nisha Fernandes (Nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca) to receive the registration form that can be filled and returned via email, in the collection basket or to the parish office, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. A fee of \$40 for books and resources is requested (e-transfer, or cheque/ cash dropped off to the parish office or in the collection basket). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact First Communion Coordinator Nisha Fernandes by email or at 416-567-3626.

Annual Day of Reflection for Men: Saint Joseph Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 09:30 AM - 01:00 PM Online



St. John Paul II wrote in Familiaris Consortio, “St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care.”

As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we will reflect on his life as a man of strong moral character, contemplation and action. In difficult and challenging times, he teaches us how to humbly surrender to divine providence.

Join us as we reflect on St. Joseph's life, which serves as a model for all men today. Presenter: Rev. Edwin Gonsalves.

COST: \$25

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Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2020 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent witness to the injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on women and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members in society. Our location is STEELES/DON MILLS intersection. The zone captain is Bro. Albert Mikhail.

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 and God abides in him.




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