

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 17, 2021



Oct. 19th – Oct. 23rd

- Tues. 8:30 am - Thomas Kilp †
- Wed. 8:30 am - Hendrick Family †
- Thurs. Noon - Michael Chung †
- Fri. 8:30 am - Dorothy Yong †
- Sat. 4:30 pm - Ryan L'Abbe & Jacob Lee †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 24th

- 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9
- 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6
- Gospel: Mark 10.46-52



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 Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.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

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR PAPER CUTTER?

If anyone can assist in helping find our missing "guillotine cutter" please contact the office. Thank you.



World Mission Sunday October 24



At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions.

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! ... I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples."
Pope Francis

The Word This Week

"The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many."

It's often the case that the values of the Gospel contradict the values of the World sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans", He will give His very life, and so become the first of all. We should take His words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you." With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow Him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which He drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which He endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with His; furthermore, He will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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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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 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 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

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 - 09:30 AM - 01:00 PM

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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October 31 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

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Ministry with Maturing Adults

**Inviting Men and Women 55+ to the following
Zoom Meetings at 10:00 a.m.**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

"Getting your Immune System Ready for Winter"

Thursday, October 28, 2021

"Aging and Creativity"

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

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, information and resources on the Pastoral Plan, visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral

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