

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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website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 24, 2021



Oct. 19th – Oct. 23rd

Tues. 8:30 am - Viktor & Isabella Kilp †
Wed. 8:30 am - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †
Thurs. Noon - Fe Castenada †
Fri. 8:30 am - Anthony Gomes †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Michael Chung †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 31st

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28
Gospel: Mark 12.23-34



World Mission Sunday October 24

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world. For as little as; \$40 helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of mission; \$80 provides for the work of Religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia and Latin America; \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in the Amazon, Africa and Asia. The financial assistance that you offer today, on World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing and peace. As always, your prayers are the most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes will be ready in a few weeks for pick-up. We appreciate your patience.



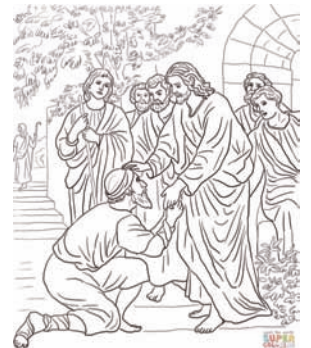
The Word This Week

"Master, let me see again."

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message, almost a parable behind each one that tells us something about God, about His care for His people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, His children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift He could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather His children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away; Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate Him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

The story of Bartimaeus in Mark's Gospel is not about his healing but his faith and determination.

Despite everyone's rebuke, Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus even louder. Upon hearing Jesus' call, he casts aside everything to follow and be with Jesus. By his act of faith, Bartimaeus experiences something even greater than he could imagine. So too could we. But we must let go and let God be God. Only then will God work marvellous things in us.



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

Announcements and Upcoming Events



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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Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf Community
We've all felt the pain of disconnection since the start of the pandemic. For the Deaf community, the connections severed by the pandemic are even more profound. Many became isolated from their peers and could no longer access the programs they relied upon. Silent Voice is working to restore those connections. This ShareLife-funded agency is the only one in the area providing virtual programming for deaf children, among its many services in American Sign Language. Your support of ShareLife is making the connections we need to get through this pandemic together.

**October 31 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Ministry with Maturing Adults
**Inviting Men and Women 55+ to the following
Zoom Meetings at 10:00 a.m.**
Thursday, October 28, 2021
"Aging and Creativity"

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Knights are collecting "returnable" bottles, beer cans and aluminum pop cans on Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Wheelchair Fund. Please bring your bottles and cans only at this time, not in advance. We thank you for your support of this project.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Ladies of the Parish, it's time to renew your membership for 2022. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 24, 2021 for this purpose. The membership renewal fee is \$25.00 and we ask that you provide all the information requested, including your email address. We look forward to resuming our "in person meetings" in the near future.



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