

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 31, 2021



Nov. 3rd – Nov. 6th

Tues. 8:30 am - All Souls †

Wed. 8:30 am - Jae-Sun Park †

Thurs. Noon - Mark Williams †

Fri. 8:30 am - Raymond Kan †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Deceased Members of Knights of

Columbus - Good Shepherd Council 8340 †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 7th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44



NOVEMBER 1ST – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



The feast of All Saints is a feast of God's triumph. It is a celebration of the victory of Jesus over death and a promise that we will one day enjoy the vision of God's glory in the kingdom of heaven where hope is

firm for all who love and rest is sure for all who serve. May the God of all consolation bless us with faith in the resurrection of His Son and with the hope of rising to new life. To us who are alive may He grant forgiveness and to all who have died, may He grant a place of light and peace.

NOVEMBER 2ND – ALL SOULS DAY

Reminds us to pray for the dead

Visit a Church

A **plenary** (absolute indulgence), applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, on All Souls Day, visit a church and recite one Our Father and the creed for the intention of the Poor Souls.

Visit a Cemetery

An indulgence, applicable to the Souls in Purgatory is granted to the faithful, who devotedly visit a cemetery, and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November and partial on all other days of the year.



FIRST FRIDAY: November 5th

Mass on First Friday will be at 8:30 am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue

until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.



The Word This Week

"This is the first commandment; the second is like it."

Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking, "This religion of yours? What's it all about, really, when you come down to it?" Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things; love of God and love of neighbour, which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to Him for all His goodness to us.

The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.



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

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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

CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto

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"Live the Gospel" On ShareLife Sunday

This weekend is our last special collection for ShareLife this year. Our goal this year is **\$123,200.00**. To date we have achieved **\$105,000.00**. Will you help us reach our goal?

"Thank you to the hardworking ShareLife volunteers and parish committee members, who found innovative ways to raise funds in these challenging circumstances. And thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Today is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021.
Please give generously.**

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women 55+ to the following

Zoom Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday November 9, 2021

"Prevention of Elder Abuse"

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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for answering your Baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday!!

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