

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 7, 2021



Nov. 9th – Nov. 13th

Tues. 8:30 am - Souls of the Departed †

Wed. 8:30 am - Ines Nurisso †

Thurs. Noon - Teresa Oliveira †

Fri. 8:30 am - Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm - Paulo Correia †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 14th

1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32



DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 OFFERTORY BOXES "A" THROUGH "L"

Distribution of Offertory envelopes will begin this weekend, November 6, after each Mass in the parish hall. To handle the current pandemic environment, distribution will be spaced out by last name. First round: last names beginning with the letter **A through L**. Please be mindful to socially distance when entering the hall; four at a time. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during the pandemic. Once you have picked up your envelopes please exit through the back doors. Arrangements can also be made to pick up envelopes through the office during business hours (Monday through Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) Envelope numbers over "400" have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider Pre-Authorized giving. Please call the office for information and assistance. Thank you for your co-operation.



The Word This Week

"This poor widow has put in more than all."

The Gospel today cautions us: hypocrisy and inauthenticity are worse than useless. In fact, they are condemnable. Putting on a show of righteousness will fool no one and it certainly does not do the deceiver any good. Instead, we should cultivate authentic giving, like the poor widow who gave her last coins. Our gifts and our lives should be offered with humility and abandonment. If we grip tightly onto our last coin, we block God, grace and the potential of being transformed for our greatest good. The tale of the poor widow is meant to spark a conversion of the heart. It calls us to great openness. It is a big risk to surrender everything of value; when we surrender to a merciful God, it is called trust. "God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the "widows and orphans" - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward? May our hearts turn with gratitude toward God in the midst of struggle, hoping to see what gifts he will bring out of the difficulty.

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out November 13/14.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women 55+ to the following

Zoom Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday November 9 - "Prevention of Elder Abuse" -

Presenter: Linda Ind from CHATS

Thursday November 18 - "Grief as a Path to Spiritual Growth" - Presenter: Deacon James Shaughnessy

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

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE FREE WEBINAR

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team and Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

To register, send us an email to:

development@archtoronto.org

Please include **'webinar on November 13'** in the subject line and provide your **name and mailing address in the body of a message** (otherwise we won't be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link to the webinar on November 8th, and in a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

Daylight Saving Time



Sunday, November 7, 2:00 am clocks are turned back 1 hour to 1:00 am local standard time.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOVEMBER 13/14 AND 20/21



The Catholic Women's League are very happy to announce to all of our women parishioners, that we are now able to continue with our activities. The weekends of November 13/14 and November 20/21 will be our Membership Drive. We hope that if you have not yet renewed your membership of \$25, please do so after Mass on one of these dates. We feel badly for all of those new members who joined the CWL just before Covid arrived and only had the opportunity to attend one meeting with us. You really haven't had the experience to feel a part of this wonderful organization but this will change shortly. We are planning a lovely bazar for the parish on a slightly smaller scale than previous years, our monthly meeting on December 13 and a Food Drive for Food Banks. On Sunday, November 21, at the 11a.m. Mass, Father Anthony will present a number of our members with a special CWL pin honouring their years of involvement with Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League, as we celebrate our 40th. Anniversary. We are optimistic that any women who have recently joined our Parish or who find that this would be a good time in their lives to join with us, that we will be able to welcome you also, into our Catholic Women's League.

Red Wednesday 2021

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada) will hold its 7th annual Red Wednesday on November 17. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and to



pray for persecuted Christians, who are the most discriminated against religious group in the world. To mark this important day, ACN and the Archdiocese of Toronto are organizing a prayer vigil at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7 p.m.

All are welcome!

CONTACT: Aid to the Church in Need

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