



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 11, 2022



Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Osbert D'Sylva †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Tonis Kilp - Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon - Kim Yin Chau †

Fri. 8:30 am - †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Malena Dulanto †

## READINGS FOR – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 8.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13



We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are happy to have you back safe and sound. We also extend a warm welcome to all those who have just moved

into the area or are new to our parish family. We certainly hope that you will feel at home with us. Please take a moment to complete a registration form available in the foyer of the church.

The Knights of Columbus and CWL invite all to join after Mass September 11 for a BBQ and some light refreshments in the parish hall.



***"Where there is hope, there is faith. Where there is faith, miracles happen."***

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner."***

The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasize. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed; we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners – and us – that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful.

Humankind is a suffering and broken global family. Today calls to mind 9/11 and its enduring legacy of lost lives, lost dear ones, lost hopes. Recent years have highlighted the mounting urgency of climate change, as well as the phenomenon of vast hordes of migrants fleeing war. Early 2020 brought the fear and disruption of a global pandemic and the resulting economic and social upheaval starkly exposed long-standing systemic issues of racism and injustice.

The family in today's Gospel story has also experienced suffering and brokenness: the loss of one child, the resentment of another, the broken hearts of the father and – though she is unmentioned – most certainly the mother too.

How to deal with all this pain? The parable points toward some answers. The father, his eyes on the distant horizon, had clearly never given up hope that his son would one day return. Humbled and contrite, the boy is welcomed home with open-hearted compassion and forgiveness. The older son's resentment is met not with impatience or anger, but with a response that is calm, reasonable and loving.

There are no simple answers to the complex problems facing our families and our world. But there are ways that we can begin: with a humble heart, a forgiving spirit, compassion, generosity and, above all, HOPE.

## E-MAIL UPDATE

In future, when sending an email to Good Shepherd, please use the new address:

[GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org](mailto:GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org)

The current address is still active, but it will gradually be phased out and then cancelled. Thank you for your co-operation.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.



### CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Sept. 10&11). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday

- Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass next weekend (Sept. 17th/18th). Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

### 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.

## ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE FREE WEBINAR

**Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 9:00 am**

This webinar will provide the importance of a Will, Power of Attorney and Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions in respect to cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team and Catholic Cemeteries and 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

To register, send an email to:

[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

Please include '**webinar September 17**' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of the message. Please provide, for the sake of our statistics, whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member. You will receive a link to closer the webinar.



### WEBSITE

Please take a few minutes to check out our Website for all upcoming events and updates. The new format is easy to navigate and for those not able to attend Mass, there is a link to DonateNow for

Offertory Contributions.

<https://goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org>

### Ministry with Maturing Adults Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Via Zoom

**Thursday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Topic**

**"God's Surprising Grace"**

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