



# 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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# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 18, 2022



**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Rose Tipold †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Leonardo Vecchio †

Thurs. Noon - Josie Prytial †

Fri. 8:30 am - †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Veronica Chau †

**READINGS FOR – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31



## NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly Canada wide. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in the ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

“Challenges and favours which the Lord gives ... are the ways by which he wanted His Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as He is pleased to permit.”

**Saint Francois De Laval – Bishop of New France**



*Huge thanks to the Knights of Columbus and CWL for all their hard work dedicated to organizing the BBQ. It was a perfect afternoon*

*spending time with all who attended.*

*Fr. Anthony*

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“You cannot be the slave both of God and money.”*

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: “Use money to win you friends”, is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today’s Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange; is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: “The children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.” Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. Can we be as resourceful and clear-headed with the practice of our Christian faith? Jesus’ kingdom teaching demands decisive action. Given that it is possible to serve only one master with utter devotion, in what or whom will we place our trust? The Christian is meant to choose God above all else, loving God alone with unswerving devotion. Once such a choice is made, it is revealed even in the smallest actions, a consistent ethic of life.

We can take from today’s readings some ideas about plans for action: give freely to others, rather than enslaving or destroying them; demonstrate a sincere and active concern for the salvation of all, even those who can harm us; be ready to sacrifice ourselves for others for the sake of the kingdom. Why? Because this is what God is like, revealed to us in Jesus the Christ. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

## Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection

**October 1&2, 2022**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1&2 to support Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous People of this Land. For more information or to donate on-line visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

The Ladies of the Catholic Women's League invite all ladies who are interested in joining the CWL to attend the First General Meeting of the Season on Monday, September 19. Father Anthony will say Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting in the parish hall. The topic of discussion will be "Renewing Friendships and Together Learning about the New League Structure". We will have an opportunity to make plans for the coming months and we certainly value any input from all present. The Executive looks forward to welcoming you.

### CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass this 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 and invite all parishioners to participate.



### Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Via Zoom

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

Topic

"God's Surprising Grace"

Register by calling the church at 905-881-1534 or emailing: [goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org](mailto:goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org)



## 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.

## 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>



### 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.

## LIFE CHAIN 2022

Once again, on October 2, Life Chain will stretch across Canada. Life Chain is a non-confrontational, peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life and the harm of abortion. Details of location and times will be available soon.



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