

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: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCT. 30, 2022



Nov. 3rd - Nov. 5th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - All Saints ∜
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - All Souls Day ∜
Thurs. Noon - Jae-Sun Park ∜
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Mark Williams ∜

Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Deceased Members Knights of Columbus - Good Shepherd Council 8340 약

READINGS FOR - Nov. 6th

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 7, 9-14

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.16-3.5

Gospel: Luke 20.27-38



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.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

Today's Gospel is about curiosity. Imagine the scene – Jesus was passing through town and one of the people in town was curious. Presumably Zacchaeus had a relatively successful life as Luke describes him as rich and yet he was seeking something more. In the same way, we may pray for more. So how did he act on his curiosity? Did he allow his being short in stature stop him from seeking something he wanted? No - he climbed a tree. He climbed up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, "Zacchaeus, come down!" Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. Despite his faults - for Zacchaeus was a sinner – Jesus insisted He must stay at his house. The gift of Jesus simply coming to visit him at his house led to a profound self-understanding. In response to this gift, the rich man decided to give to the poor. Jesus announced his salvation, providing the man with another gift. This is significant, as is not salvation the ultimate gift which we are all looking to receive? The end for which we always pray be granted to one another? Let us go forth today, curious about the gifts that Jesus has for us. Perhaps His presence in our house is the answer to the prayer that is at the root of our curiosity.

FIRST FRIDAY

November 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.

E-MAIL UPDATE

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

GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org

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



The church is always in need of volunteers. If you have a few hours a month to offer, please consider joining one of the ministries that could benefit from your time. With a little training, you can be part of the Eucharistic Ministers, The Altar Society and Lectors. The Bible tells us it is those that volunteer and serve that are the true leaders in the kingdom of God. For those interested please contact the office. We

appreciate all our volunteers who give so much to our parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023

Boxed sets for 2023 envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form in the foyer. Some parishioners have been assigned a new



number. Please do not use 2023 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider Pre-Authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.

Ministry with Maturing Adults
Inviting Men and Women (50+)
Thursday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Presentation by
Angela Mantle, Hearing Care Counsellor
"Hearing Loss & Balance – Fall Prevention"

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84749050646
Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury among older Canadians and that hearing loss significantly increases the risk of falls for older people? Join in to learn about the medical causes and tips and strategies to help you prevent falls and keep you safe. Register by calling the church at 905-881-1534 or emailing: goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org

RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022

Young adults, this is the reunion we've all been waiting for! We invite you to join us for RENEW Toronto on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Canada Christian College (300 Water St., Whitby). Our annual young adult conference is open to ALL – men, women, single, married, young professionals – within the ages of 19-39. Look forward to a full day of worship, fellowship and a great line-up of keynote and workshop speakers. Renew your heart, renew your call, and renew our community. For more information and to register, visit our website www.renewtoronto.org or contact us at youngadult@ocytoronto.org.

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training Registration Now Open

The next Lay Pastoral Visitors Training will be offered online on **Thursdays**, **November 3**, **10**, **17**, **24**, **December 1 and 8**, **from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but registration is required (space is limited). This program is offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship and Saint Monica Institute.

REGISTER: https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterNovDec2022 by November 1, 2022.

CONTACT: Sally Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Ladies of the Parish, membership renewal continues for 2023. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 23, 2022 "CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP". Provide the required information and enclose renewal fee of \$40.00. Please drop the envelopes during Mass collections. We also invite all interested ladies to join our community. The CWL is at the heart of organizing charitable events in support of those less fortunate. We are blessed to have such a supportive and active group in our parish.



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