



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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 6, 2022



Nov. 8th – Nov. 12th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Keith Lamie †

Thurs. Noon - Special Intentions

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Raymond Kan †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Paulo Correia †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 13th

1st Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19



SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 13th and 14th



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us.

The Shepherds' Trust celebrates a milestone anniversary this fall. For 25 years, The Shepherds' Trust has been caring for the retired priests who have always cared for us. The retired priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto are so grateful for the support they receive from The Shepherds' Trust.

Most of us know that The Shepherds' Trust provides retired priests with the income support they need to live modest but dignified lives. However, The Shepherds' Trust is much more than a monthly cheque in the mail.

For a quarter century, The Shepherds' Trust has stood by our retired priests. Whether it is in helping a retired priest find an apartment or access a PSW or not feel isolated, The Shepherds' Trust has always been there to help our clergy in their senior years.

Parishioners of the Archdiocese have always responded with great generosity to the annual Shepherds' Trust fundraising campaign. With your continued support, The Shepherds' Trust will continue to provide elderly and disabled diocesan priests with the necessary resources to lead a dignified life after many years of active ministry.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"He is God, not of the dead,
but of the living."***

It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel. Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus' reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death; quite the contrary, He proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children of God.

Many Christians, even good, pious Christians, fear death and try to keep the very thought of it far from their minds. This is very understandable for one who believes (if there is such a one) that death is the end. To a certain degree it is understandable in the case of the believer or the Christian, whose conscience is not at peace with God. That latter, however, has the means of removing his fears by removing his sins, and by putting himself right with God. The normal, pious Christian should see death as what it is, an end of his time of probation and the door to his eternal reward. It is not normal for a student to dread his graduation day. Death for the God-fearing, honest Christian is graduation day. Therefore, no Christian should be afraid of it.

Let each one of us look into our own conscience. Let us ask ourselves, how we would fare if death should claim us tonight. If there are sins on my conscience, which I would not want there when facing my just Judge, I still have time to approach the merciful Father. The Christian who does this daily, or even weekly, will not worry when death calls. He can rest assured that it is the beginning of the true and everlasting life, planned for him by God before time began.

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 co-operation.



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.



Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 am clocks are turned back 1 hour to 1:00 am local

standard time.

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

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 after Mass next weekend (Nov. 12&13). 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 the following weekend (Nov. 19&20). 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.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES



Next weekend (Nov. 12&13) the Knights are collecting **"refundable"** beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



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