

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 13, 2022



Nov. 15th – Nov. 19th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. -

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - ∜

Thurs. Noon - Szeto/Chung Family ∜
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Andrew Kwan ∜
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Frank Flanagan ∜

READINGS FOR - Nov. 20th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43



SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 12th and 13th



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

"You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your Master's happiness!"

The reason why these verses of St. Luke's gospel was chosen for today's Mass is that the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking this morning. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of the Kingship of

Christ, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin our new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to



an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence he merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbors in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

As we approach Advent, we ask for the grace to be fully present with love and compassion to the suffering of our time. By doing so, we prepare our hearts to receive God's love born as an infant messiah. Jesus reminds us not be "led astray" or "to prepare your defense in advance." Our lives lived in faithful witness to the kingdom that is to come become a sign of joy and hope for today.



E-MAIL UPDATE

Please use new email address:

<u>GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org</u>

current address will be phased out soon.

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.

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass next weekend



before each Mass next 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 and invite all parishioners to participate.

This 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.





Your helping hand is the answer.

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our goal this year is \$146,000.00. To date we have achieved \$97,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 13 November 2022 MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor."

Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of His brothers and sisters.

2023 SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals will be available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.





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