



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 15, 2023



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”

What is a purpose-driven life? Sometimes, the meaning only becomes clear after an experience makes us look back at seemingly unrelated decisions that made us who we are. It’s that “ah-ha” moment. The gospel today describes John the Baptist’s “ah-ha” moment. Until that day, John had been following a path he couldn’t quite see clearly, wandering the wilderness, preaching of the Son of God whom he might never even meet in the flesh. John was a recluse who attracted a huge following. These followers believed his wrath-inflicting Messiah would be the political ruler they had been waiting for. But the meaning of John’s life decision became clear in his meeting with Jesus. The heavens literally opened and God spoke to him. Jesus’ ministry would be non-political and characterized by love. Jesus was the one for whom John was preparing the way and John’s future was forever changed by Jesus.

The purpose of our lives may not always be as dramatically revealed to us as John’s was by God. Some of us may feel lost, wandering in our own wilderness. But recognizing the need to search is the first brave step toward finding that purpose. In that search we, like John, may meet Jesus by our own river bank. It is an encounter that will radically change our future.



Jan. 17th – Jan. 21st

Tues. 8:30 am – Ignatius Kwan †
Wed. 8:30 am – Ed Choy Sp. Intention
Thurs. Noon – Daphne Maria Chung †
Fri. 8:30 am – Joanne Lasita †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †

READINGS FOR – January 22nd

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form.

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. If you are currently signed up and you would like to increase your donation for 2023, please contact the office. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2022 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2023 will count towards next year’s tax receipt.) All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit or call the office to book mass intentions for 2023. The donation for an announced Mass is \$20.00. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is printed in the bulletin and also mentioned at the start of the dedicated Mass. The donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Tax receipts are not issued for Mass offerings.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Deacon James, Deacon Michael and myself, I want to thank all our parishioners for your many kindnesses over the past year and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts.

I am blessed to be your pastor and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for the Deacons and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. All of God's blessings upon you in this New Year!!

Father Anthony



Heartfelt thanks to Catherine Ger and the members of her Decorating Committee for the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Special mention to Bob Filart whose dedication and helping hands are much appreciated.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

This weekend (Jan. 14/15) is the collection of frozen casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. We thank those who have been so committed to this program and invite all other parishioners to participate. Each tray provides a hot, nourishing meal for those underprivileged in our city.



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your local community. An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate. Your regular donations ensure that the church can manage its staff, programs and ongoing operating costs. 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.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023

Sunday, January 22, 2023 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
(73 Simcoe St., Toronto)**

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER DETAILS: Office for Promoting Christian Unity, ecumenical@archtoronto.org



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