



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 29, 2023



Jan. 31st – Feb. 4th

Tues. 8:30 am – Frank Flanagan †

Wed. 8:30 am – Kwan-Hsing Lee †

Thurs. Noon – Sidney Chu †

Fri. 8:30 am – Elzbieta & Franciszek Duda †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Harold Panting †

READINGS FOR – February 5th

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10++

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16



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.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



FIRST FRIDAY

February 3rd

Mass will be at 8:30 am.

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 in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"How happy are the poor in spirit."

Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God; what we refer to as the "Sermon on the Mount". This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes, the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

The first recipients of the Beatitudes are, in fact, the 'poor in spirit', an expression that indicates those who have their hearts and consciences directed intimately to Our Lord. They are the expression of the just who are tried by moments of suffering and difficulties. However, they are called 'blessed' and 'happy' because God's merciful and compassionate gaze rests on them. These are the poor that the Bible text really refers to. The poor in the Bible are the humbled, the 'anawim', who bear a burden on their shoulders. They are given God's favor and because of this the Word identifies them as just, meek and



humble. All kinds of attitudes are included in the eight beatitudes. This way the true significance of the 'just poor' is revealed; the ones who don't confide mainly in themselves but in God. The poor are those who detach themselves concretely and interiorly from the possession of persons and things and above all of themselves. The poor don't find security in the gods of this world like success, power or pride but the true Lord God in Heaven.

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.



FEBRUARY 18 AND 19 MARCH 18 AND 19

The CWL (Feb. 18/19) and Legion of Mary (March 18/19) invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



Annual Shepherd's Mass St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond Street Toronto, ON M5B 1X5. February 2 2023

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2023

7:00 pm Praise & Worship
7:30 pm Holy Mass
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Main Celebrant: Rev. Bishop Robert Kasun
Fr. Matthias Amuzu - Spiritual Director
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Please Join us

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