



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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 5, 2023



Feb. 7th – Feb. 11th

Tues. 8:30 am – Helen D'Souza – Sp. Intention

Wed. 8:30 am – Jean-Luc Zufferey †

Thurs. Noon – Olga Montenegro †

Fri. 8:30 am – Francisca Zambrana †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Special Intention (Maria Choy)

READINGS FOR – February 12th

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"You are the light of the world."

No less an authority than Christ himself calls his true followers the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." These are titles of honor, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavour, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection, he took away the sting of death and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honorable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents



who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The workmen, whether in office or factory, who show that they are Christians by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal expenditures, and donate some of their savings to help their brothers, their fellow men who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ and are cooperating with him in bringing God's children back to their Father who is in heaven.

Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbor and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected.

It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.



"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

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.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS



Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Feb. 11&12). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Saturday, Feb. 18th and Sunday, Feb. 19th. 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.

Next weekend (Feb. 11&12) 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.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Friday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30

Safety for Seniors & Emergency Planning

Zoom Presentation by

Juanita Butler, CHATS Caregiver Counsellor

Topics you will learn about:

- Home Adaptations
- Kitchen and Bathroom Safety
- Fall Prevention
- Medic Alert and Lifeline

To register, please contact: Viola Athaide

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