

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 26, 2023



Feb. 28th – March 4th

Tues. 8:30 am – Special Intention (Sick)

Wed. 8:30 am – John McKevey †

Thurs. Noon – Doming Lam †

Fri. 8:30 am – Kevin D'Mello †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Teresa Fung-Poon †

READINGS FOR – March 5th

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9



THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“Jesus fasts for forty days
and is tempted.”*

This incident in our Lord's life, his forty days and nights of fasting followed by temptations, has been chosen as a reading for this first Sunday of Lent for our edification and encouragement. Lent is a period of preparation for the central Christian events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Christ, the Son of God in human nature, died the excruciating death of crucifixion on Good Friday, because of the sins of the human race. By this supreme act of obedience to his heavenly Father he made atonement for all our disobediences, and set us free from the slavery of Satan and of sin. In his resurrection his human nature was glorified by God the Father, and in that glorification, we are all offered a share and given the right to an eternal life of glory, if we follow Christ faithfully in this life. The temptations, to which our Lord allowed himself to be submitted, are for us a source of encouragement and consolation. If our Lord and master underwent temptation, we cannot and must not expect to live a Christian life without experiencing similar tests and trials. The three temptations Satan put to our Lord were suggestions to forget his purpose in life--his messianic mission of redemption. He was urged to get all the bodily comforts of life, all the self-glory which men could give him, and all the possessions and power this world has to offer.

Today, let each one of us look into his heart and honestly examine his reaction to these temptations. Do we imitate our Savior and leader, and say "begone Satan"? Our purpose in life is not to collect its treasures, its honors or its pleasures. We are here for a few short years, to merit the unending life which Christ has won for us. Would we be so foolish as to swap our inheritance for a mere mess of pottage. Lent is a golden opportunity to review our past and make sensible resolutions for our future.



FIRST FRIDAY

March 3rd

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

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.

**WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER
MARCH 3RD**



The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.



TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. The disaster began with a 7.8-magnitude earthquake early Monday morning, one of the strongest to hit the region in 100 years.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

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By phone through the Development Office:
416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Good Shepherd Parish – Turkey and Syria
Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: “Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say.”
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. We collected thirty-five casseroles and thirty-five pounds of other food items. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported Good Shepherd Ministries and remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES



GLORY2GOD SUMMER CAMP AT BLESSED TRINITY

Blessed Trinity Parish (Bayview and Finch) welcomes Good Shepherd children entering grades 1-6 in the fall to join their Glory2God Summer Camp! The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with before and after-care available) on July 10-14th and July 24-27th; come for one week or both – each week has its very own theme and field trip. Visit <https://www.blessedtrinityparish.ca/glory2god-camp> for more info and registration forms. Feel free to reach out to Tanya at G2GcampatBT@gmail.com with any questions.



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