



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 12, 2023



March 14th – March 18th

Tues. 8:30 am – Virginia Puscas †

Wed. 8:30 am – Joseph Cherayil †

Thurs. Noon – Muriel Williams †

Fri. 8:30 am – Dr. Andrew Frieri †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Caedmon D’Mello †

READINGS FOR – March 19th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41



The Stations of the Cross

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



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ShareLife Sunday is March 26



CWL MONTHLY MEETING

The CWL will be holding their first meeting of the year on Monday, March 20th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend to share in all the ways CWL contributes and enriches our church.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“A spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary.

But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism. The living water, the gift of the Holy Spirit, can only be given by the Lord Jesus whom the Father sent into the world to give to all men and women eternal life, that is, never ending happiness. The living water flows only from the divine source. The Samaritan woman went to a well which was deep, but limited, whereas unlimited was her thirst for happiness and love. The woman, the Holy Father tells us, “Represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks”. How often man seeks the infinite, the eternal, well-being...but sadly continues to seek it in a well, in a reality, the earthly reality, which is unable to contain it. How many wells, deep but empty, how many wells of stagnant water, we have met on our way! We carry within us immense desires and easily deceive ourselves that we can meet them.

On our path of conversion, what a great grace it is to find the Lord Jesus waiting patiently for us beside our senseless wells. When, like the Samaritan woman, we are tired of the things of this world, of almost empty wells, then the Divine Master is especially close to us. He asks us to give him something to drink, he asks us to trust Him to satiate our heart and if we trust in Him, we discover the joy of finding the true well, the source of crystal clear water.



Flower Collection for Easter

March 18th and 19th Masses

Donations will help brighten up the church.

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.



MARCH 18 AND 19



The Legion of Mary 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.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Mar. 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, 18th and Sunday, 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.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of March 18-19, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

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Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

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Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat

Friday, March 17, 06:30 P.M. –
Sunday March 19, 2023 02:30 P.M.

St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for Single Catholic men 18 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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