

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 OF EASTER – APRIL 30, 2023



May 2nd – May 6th

Tues. 8:30 am – Jim Howe †

Wed. 8:30 am – Chung/Szeto Family †

Thurs. Noon – Winston & Christina Ferguson †

Fri. 8:30 am – Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm – Francis Kwong †

READINGS FOR – May 7th

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12



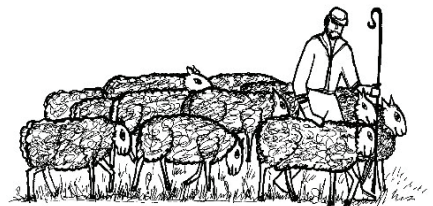
THE WORD THIS WEEK

“I am the gate of the sheepfold.”

This Sunday is traditionally called “Good Shepherd Sunday”, because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. In today’s Gospel we hear one of the great “I am” statements of Jesus, “I am the gate of the sheepfold”.

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church.

We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in



order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

We are to trust. When we cannot see what lies ahead, when we are anxious in the face of the unknow, we are to trust the Good Shepherd who goes before us, who calls us by name. We are called by the Father, gifted with the Holy Spirit and can know the direction we are to go even if we don’t have the full itinerary. Jesus, we trust in you.

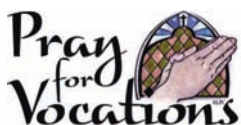


FIRST FRIDAY

May 5

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus – it is our personal time with Christ. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will 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
FOR VOCATIONS
April 30, 2023**

World Day of Prayer is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes, especially for our diocese.



Fundraisers



Catholic Women's League MAY 6 & 7

St. Philip Neri's Table, a Food Program, is an outreach mission to the poor located in North York, intended to alleviate the food insecurity crisis affecting families in Toronto and surrounding areas. The CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items the weekend of May 6 & 7 for this worthy cause. Collection boxes will be at the entrance to the Church. Please give generously. Thank you!

MACGREGORS MEAT AND SEAFOOD

Just what you need to take to the cottage or for your weekend BBQ. These products are of excellent quality and come highly recommended. If you are interested in purchasing, order forms will be available at the back of the church; fill it in and return it to a CWL member after Mass with cheques made payable to CWL Good Shepherd. We will be accepting orders up until May 5th. Delivery of orders will be on May 17th, 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! May 20th and May 21st

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save any gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. Please check the bulletin board for more information.



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

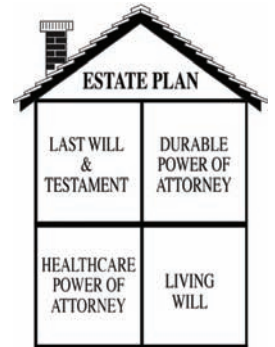
Let's talk about Wills:

Estate planning for Catholics

Thursday, May 04, 2023

07:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Virtual



Estate planning is all about giving you and your loved one's peace of mind. It is also an opportunity to make gifts to the Church or charities as a way to give back a portion of the gifts God has bestowed on you.

Join us on **Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m.** at our ShareLife Speaker Series online event "**Let's talk about Wills: Estate planning basics for Catholics**" with Peter Okonski from the [Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto](#). Peter will share how estate planning isn't as complicated as you might think, while explaining the importance of having a Will even if you're not elderly or affluent.

You will have an opportunity to learn about how to protect your loved ones with a proper Will and other information around estate planning. You may also ask questions during the event. Register below to receive the link to the webinar portal.

Thank you and we look forward to an enlightening session with you!

REGISTRATION: bit.ly/lets-talk-about-wills

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