

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 25, 2023



June 27th – July 1st

Tues. 8:30 am – Mary Cassar †

Wed. 8:30 am – Peter Cullen †

Thurs. Noon – Joseph & Zulema Coutinho †

Fri. 8:30 am – Msgr. John Weber Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm – Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

READINGS FOR – July 2

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16

2nd Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.37-42



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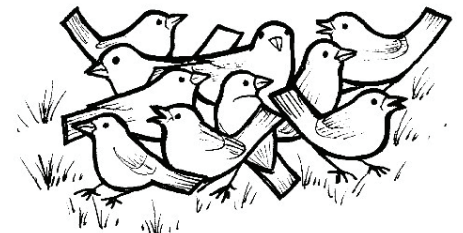
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“Do not be afraid of those who
kill the body.”***

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "Don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..." These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So, we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body. Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."





July 1st is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

We also urge you to take advantage of the many Canada Day Activities and Events to discover and appreciate the wealth and diversity of Canadian society and show your love of Canada and your pride in being Canadian!!

SPECIAL NOTICE



Bulletins

This will be the final bulletin until Labour Day. For your convenience, daily Mass intentions will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions concerning upcoming events or pulpit announcements, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Pre-Authorized Giving

We encourage you to consider Pre-Authorized Giving which is a "direct debit" program to assist you in your support of the work of our church through your regular parish offerings and, if so desired, through ShareLife and other special appeals. PAG creates a win-win situation for you and our parish. When you participate, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of the month. This amount is then deposited to the parish account. Your support of the parish is guaranteed, even if you are away for an extended amount of time. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please contact the office for information.



Congratulations to Joel Menezes for placing **FIRST** in the 2023 Jean McCann Youth Service Award Contest for the North York Region of the Catholic Women's League. The Ladies of our C.W.L. Parish are very proud of you Joel!! Great job!

3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Saturday, July 22, 2023 05:00 PM
 Sunday, July 23, 2023 05:00 PM
 St. Edith Stein Church, Toronto
 During mass

The Church celebrates the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on Sunday, 23 July 2023, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, with the motto 'His mercy is from age to age.' Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."




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