

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

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

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 3, 2023



Sept. 5th – Sept. 9th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Graham Grandkids – Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - K K Mak – Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon - Helen D'Souza – Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 am - Anthony Lee †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Palmina Iacobelli †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 10th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20



We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are happy to have you back safe and sound. We also extend a warm welcome to all those who have just moved into the area or are

new to our parish family. We certainly hope that you will feel at home with us. Please take a moment to complete a registration form available in the foyer of the church.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
SEPTEMBER 4**



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.”

A quick glance at last week’s Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did.

The readings today make it clear we have a choice to make: follow the ways of God or follow the ways of the world. Jeremiah and St. Paul are giving us insight and advice

to help us. We see the importance of living our truth in faith and we hear the importance of including our minds, our thinking minds, with our whole being. We are living the paradox of being in the world but not of the world. Jesus is telling us that our very lives depend on how we choose. Is it really an either/or situation, or rather a both/and? How do we follow God while being in the world?

Following God, generally, will fill us with feelings of peace: our sense of hope expands, our hearts become wider and deeper and we are inspired to be even more generous. Following the world often leads to feeling inadequate, insecure, fearful, desperate, competing for attention and material acquisition, hoarding success and our possessions. Jesus is saying there is a sense of urgency about the choice we have to make. It is a choice we make daily. It is crucial we pay attention to what is in our hearts – the feelings that result from following God or the feelings that result from being conformed to this world. For whose sake are we really living?



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.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Sept. 9&10). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected the following weekend before each Mass. 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 (Sept. 9&10) 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.



SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

The Knights of Columbus 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.

WEBSITE

GoodShepherdParish, Thornhill
Please take a few minutes to check out our website for all upcoming events and updates. The new format is easy to navigate and for those not able to attend Mass, there is a link to **DonateNow** for Offertory Contributions.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Good Shepherd Parish is pleased to announce that a monthly Children's Liturgy of the Word program will begin on Sunday, September 24th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This is a program, for children 3 ½ to 8 years of age, which features prayers and the Gospel reading tailored for young children's understanding and attention. Once the Mass begins, Father Anthony will invite the children and their teachers to the front of the church for a blessing before going into the church hall to learn about our faith. Children will return to their seats after the Prayers of the Faithful. For more information and registration, follow the link bit.ly/3YtOLmi or contact christiepawliw@gmail.com. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church.

Celebration of the Solemnity Of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium Upon the Most Rev. Leo

Friday, September 29, 2023
05:30 PM -07:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica


The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our Archdiocese and Archbishop!

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