

# 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 10, 2023



## Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

- Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Rosemary Sung †
- Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Osbert D’Sylva †
- Thurs. Noon - Teresa Fung Poon †
- Fri. 8:30 am - Kim Yin Chau †
- Sat. 4:30 pm - Malena Dulanto †

## READINGS FOR – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 27.30-27.7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 14.7-9
- Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35



## SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17

The Knights of Columbus are extending a welcome to all to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of an exciting fall season of Church events. Please join us after each Mass on September 16 and 17 in the church hall for some light refreshments. This is also a wonderful time to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and exchange stories of what you did during summer vacation. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! 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 at the back of the church.



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.”*

Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin, we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbors' need.

The Gospel today is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict or disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace or environment which breeds conflict or confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly – to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken and still there is now resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

There is a tremendous difference between Christian correction and rash judgement. Being judgemental seeks and takes pleasure in the faults of others. The Christian admonishment of sinners comes from a place of love. Love motivates us to desire the sanctification of others. This is true love of self and neighbour. It in no way means we give up or are passive; rather, it shows us when to let go and let God. Sometimes this kind of integrity comes at a great cost. Yet is the price too great for the sake of building up the kingdom of God?

May the Holy Spirit rid our hearts of all forms of rash judgement. When necessary, may God also give us the compassion and fortitude to mercifully admonish sinners.



## 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.



### CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend.

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.

This 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.



**OCTOBER 1 2023**  
**DON MILLS & STEELES**  
**2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs. You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, please visit: [Campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://Campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain)

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](https://bit.ly/3YtOLmi) or contact [christiepawliw@gmail.com](mailto: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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