

# 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**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 17, 2023



**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Msgr. John Weber Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Palmina Iacobelli †

Thurs. Noon - Mary Cassar †

Fri. 8:30 am - Patrick Au †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Msgr. John Weber Sp. Int.

**READINGS FOR – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-6



## NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly Canada wide. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in the ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

“Challenges and favours which the Lord gives ... are the ways by which he wanted His Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as He is pleased to permit.”

**Saint Francois De Laval – Bishop of New France**

**Please take time to check out our Bulletin Board for some upcoming events and programs available to our parishioners.**

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.”***

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying “That’s it; you’ve just gone too far this time: never again? When Jesus says that we must forgive “seventy-seven” times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn’t just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: “Father, forgive them...” As his disciples, we must do likewise.

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally, we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God’s courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a large debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God’s loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbor for some offense he has committed against us?

God calls us to himself through many situations. Our struggle to forgive is in our human nature. Surrender leads us to the abundant transforming grace that he offers us through the Holy Spirit. We receive this powerful gift in the Eucharist, his body and blood.





## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

The Catholic Women's League invites all ladies who are interested in joining the CWL to attend the First General Meeting of the Season on Monday, September 18. Father Anthony will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. Sister Francis of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood will be our guest speaker. Sister's topic, "The Humour of God" will be enjoyed by everyone. Following refreshments, we will have a financial report and be informed of the charities that our C.W.L support. The Executive looks forward to welcoming you.

## 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!

Spiritus York -  
Kick-Off BBQ  
Thursday, September 28,  
2023

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

St. Justin Martyr Parish

3898 Highway No. 7 East, Unionville

Calling all young adults (ages 19-35) in the York region. Join us for a sizzling start to the new ministry year, full of fellowship, fun, and food! Our kick-off will be on Thursday Sept 28 at St. Justin Martyr Parish. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. It is the perfect opportunity to mingle, play games and enjoy delicious food with friends. We will end the night with s'mores. Mark your calendars. Bring your friends. See you there! Please register on Eventbrite so we have an accurate headcount for food:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kick-off-bbq-tickets-714561281027?aff=oddtcreator>



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)

## CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY!

*Words can harm or they can bless;  
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