



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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 01, 2023



Oct. 3rd – Oct. 7th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - K K Mak †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Pietro Mollicone †

Thurs. Noon - Catharina D’Souza †

Fri. 8:30 am - Helen D’Souza Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm - Richard Mclver †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21.323-43



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”

Today’s Gospel Acclamation verse puts the meaning of this Sunday’s readings succinctly. Christian life is about maintaining an intimate and trusting relationship with the Good Shepherd. Such a bond shapes hearts, determines actions and reveals our shortcomings in such a way that we can regard them as failures and yet turn to, and rely on, God’s mercy.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now.

A testimony to this truth can be found in Jesus Christ who, in his selfless act of sharing our human existence, his forgiveness of sinners and his acceptance of crucifixion, showed the extent of God’s steadfast love. He liberated people from what bound them, restored them to community and called them to life. If we know this Shepherd, then we can willingly respond in obedient faith.

If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."



FIRST FRIDAY

October 6th

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

If you are eager to use your gifts and talents, and to serve with a purpose, come join the church choir. Inviting youth to join for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and adults for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Practices are:

Thursday Evenings:

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for Youth

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Adults

Please contact Eugenie at 647-828-3884 or email evlandrychoir@yahoo.com for more information.





**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16 2023**

The CWL invite all ladies to attend the second meeting of the season on October 16th beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for the evening, Melanie Silva of York Region Paramedic Services, will speak on the topic of "When to Call 911". Refreshments to follow.

OCTOBER 14 AND 15

The CWL 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.



**ESTATE PLANNING FROM A
CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE
FREE WEBINAR**

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

TO REGISTER:

Send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Oct 14" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls from Grades 5 through 12 are invited to become Altar Servers. For those interested, please fill in a registration form, found at the bookshelf in the foyer and return it to the office. Orientation and training for new servers will take place in a few weeks.



**Humanitarian Relief Efforts to
Aid Those Impacted by Disasters
in Morocco and Libya**

Two natural disasters have recently struck the region of North Africa with a devastating earthquake in Morocco followed by severe flooding in Libya caused by Storm Daniel. While rescue operations are ongoing in both countries, the process is very slow and there is a strong likelihood that the death toll will rise exponentially in the coming days and weeks.

Humanitarian Aid for Morocco

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411

Through your local parish church, making cheques payable to: <Name of Parish> - Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Humanitarian Aid for Libya

Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

Online through the Red Cross website - redcross.ca By phone through the Red Cross - 1-800-418-1111

Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

Pope Francis

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