



*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

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.

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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 08, 2023



Oct. 10th – Oct. 14th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Msgr. John Weber †
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Hugo Florez †
 Thurs. Noon - Teresa Fung Poon †
 Fri. 8:30 am - Dorothy Mary Kehoe †
 Sat. 4:30 pm - Doris Cheng †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 15th

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20
 Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14



Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have bestowed

upon us, evermore beseeching Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invite all to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. (immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass). **The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.**

Let us honor and venerate Our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her



intentions and the intentions of our Church.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”

There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

Most of us would agree that we have been given much in our lives for which to be thankful. If we're honest with ourselves, we would also agree that despite that abundance, we often do not use what we receive as well as we should. The earth was given to all, yet we often abuse it, hurting society's most vulnerable. We can see this in the tragic rise in migrants fleeing poverty caused by environmental degradation and economic exploitation. We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.





**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.



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.

**Mary Magdalene
Apostle to the
Apostles
VIA ZOOM**

The course begins on October 10th and runs until October 24th. For those interested please call or email the office to register.



**CONFIRMATION MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 23rd
7:00-8:00 PM**



This is a very important meeting for both parents and children to attend if you wish to be confirmed this school year. Anyone registered at Good Shepherd who does not attend one of our parish schools and wishes to be confirmed please contact the office (905-881-1534).



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To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on **December 21, 2023**, either via email to development@archtoronto.org or by fax at 416-934-3412. For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

**First Holy Communion
June 2024**



Good Shepherd Parish welcomes parents to register children in Grade 2 or older who are ready to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion. An information and registration session will be held at the church on Sunday October 22nd after the 11 a.m. Mass. Course information and registration forms are also available through the parish office. Registration requirements include:

- the completed registration form
- photocopy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$50 payment (cash or cheque written out to Good Shepherd) for course material.

Deadline for registration is Dec 15th, 2023. First Communion will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on **Sunday May 26, 2024**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact First Communion Coordinator Nisha Fernandes by email (Nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca) or at 416-567-3626.

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