

# 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**

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# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 15, 2023



**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Dr. Stella Mak †
- Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Carrie Anne Hubbard †
- Thurs. Noon - Palmina Iacobelli †
- Fri. 8:30 am - In Thanksgiving Magdalene
- Sat. 4:30 pm - Anthony Sung †

## READINGS FOR – Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 45.1,4-6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.1-5b
- Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21



## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invite all to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



## World Mission Sunday October 22

There will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“Many are called, but few are chosen.”***

Do you rejoice in the coming banquet that is heaven? Are you clothing your heart in a way that is pleasing to God? The parable in today’s Gospel appears to offer a grim picture of our final salvation – that God calls everyone, but that only a few are chosen. It isn’t, however, all doom and gloom. God has not abandoned us; he sent his Son to show us the way. We can do this by following Jesus and inviting him to transform our hearts, minds and actions. This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible.

He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. It is God’s standing invitation to enter more deeply into relationship with God and others. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. Our presence here expresses our willingness to put on the robe of Christ so that we may stand confidently and joyfully in the light of God’s friendship. We have been called with the many. We can be among the “chosen.”



*Thank you to the members of our Decorating Committee for the beautiful autumn and Thanksgiving decorations in our church.*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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).



**Archbishop Leo invites you to join  
ShareLife's fight against hunger.**

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right.", shares Arch. Leo. "Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to feed the hungry. The Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, we continue this life-giving legacy." Please support the fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry.

**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 forms
- 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](mailto:Nisha.fernandes@medportal.ca)) or at 416-567-3626.

**Catholic Women's League  
St. Philip Neri's Table  
October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

The CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items on the weekend of October 28th and 29th for St. Philip Neri's Table and Food Program. They are in special need of rice, dry or canned beans, lentils, refried beans, salsa, tortillas, taco shells, canned peas, corn, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, jarred peppers, canned fish, canned meat, tea and coffee, etc. This program is an outreach mission located in North York intended to help alleviate the food insecurity crisis affecting families in Toronto and surrounding areas. Collection boxes will be located in the foyer and the hall of our Church. Thank you for your generous contributions.



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