



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 22, 2023



**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Carrie Anne Hubbard †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Andrew Rubaszek †

Thurs. Noon - Palmina Iacobelli †

Fri. 8:30 am - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Vladimir Kondukov †

**READINGS FOR – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34.40



## Combating hunger through your compassion.

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. Please support our fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in your community and beyond.



**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).

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"Give ... to God the things that are God's."*

What is our heart's loyalty? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus by asking about the obligation of paying taxes to the emperor. They know that if Jesus says that taxes should be paid, he would show a loyalty to another authority over their religious authority. But Jesus does not answer as they expect. "Give ... to God the things that are God's." Jesus' answer helps us reflect on loyalties in a new light. What are the things that are God's? Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore, it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. We put obstacles in our spiritual path whenever we set anything above seeking God in the heart of the Gospel and placing God first in our hearts. So how do we clear away the obstacles from our path? We acknowledge that the "things that are God's" are all things. We owe God our very hearts, first and foremost, uncluttered by other attachments. When something else comes first before God, we have placed ourselves as the first priority. Seeking to discover how our priorities are not first rooted in trust and gratitude for God helps to loosen their hold on us.

## Pope Francis Prays for Peace in Middle East

"... let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift of peace in the many countries throughout the world marked by war and conflicts,"

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
OCTOBER 21 & 22**



To the ladies in our Parish, it's time to renew your CWL membership for 2024. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 22, 2023 "CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP". Please provide the required information and enclose the renewal fee of \$40.00. Kindly give your envelope in at the "sign up" table in the foyer after Mass today. The CWL focuses on the three pillars of Faith, Service, and Social Justice. It helps us grow in our faith and is at the heart of organizing charitable events in support of those less fortunate. We would also like to invite all ladies who are interested in joining our community to sign up after Mass this weekend in the foyer.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

*"I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."*

St. John Paul II



**Ministry with Maturing Adults  
Inviting Men and Women (50+)  
Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Presentation by  
Juanita Butler, CHATS Counsellor  
"THE AGING BRAIN"**

Topics you will learn about:

- What are you forgetting
- What else happens as we age
- How to improve your memory
- It gets better with age
- The Aging Brain

Register by calling/emailing the church at [goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org](mailto:goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org)

**All Souls Day  
Mass**

**Saturday, November  
04, 2023**

**02:00 PM - 03:00 PM**



Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum - Mississauga
- Christ the King Cemetery – Reception Centre - Markham
- Holy Cross Cemetery – Holy Family Mausoleum – Thornhill
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian & English) Woodbridge
- Resurrection Cemetery – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum – Whitby

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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