

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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 05, 2023



Nov. 7th – Nov. 11th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Jae-Sun Park †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon - Palmina Iacobelli †

Fri. 8:30 am - Celia & Tim Chui – 40th
Anniversary Blessings

Sat. 4:30 pm - Paulo Correia †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 12th

1st Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13



REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

Red Wednesday

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

We invite you to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. On November 15, take part in Red Wednesday, an international event to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom. Participate by attending the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo at 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto, lighting up a building in red (or alternatively, wearing red) or joining a prayer group. For more information on this not-to-be-missed event and other ways to show your support, please visit <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>. Let us stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“Whoever exalts Him will be humbled,
and however humbles himself
will be exalted.”***

As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone.

If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Ladies of the Parish, membership renewal continues for 2024. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 23, 2022 "CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP". Provide the required information and enclose renewal fee of \$40.00. Please drop the envelopes during Mass collections. We also invite all interested ladies to join our community. The CWL is at the heart of organizing charitable events in support of those less fortunate. We are blessed to have such a supportive and active group in our parish.

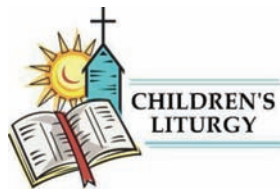
CASSEROLE COLLECTION



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Nov. 11&12). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass the following weekend (Nov. 18&19). Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

Next weekend (Nov. 11&12) the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles/cans and pop cans which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL BE ON SUNDAY NOV. 12 9:00 A.M. MASS

NOVEMBER 18 AND 19

The Legion of Mary 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.



The church is always in need of volunteers. If you have a few hours a month to offer, please consider joining one of the ministries that could benefit from your time. With a little training, you can be part of the Eucharistic Ministers, The Altar Society and Lectors. The Bible tells us it is those that volunteer and serve that are the true leaders in the kingdom of God. For those interested please contact the office. We appreciate all our volunteers who give so much to our parish.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We are in the process of updating church files and inventory. We kindly ask anyone with a key that accesses the church/office to contact the office. This would be most helpful to complete our required protocols requested by the Archdiocese of Toronto.



THANK YOU

Catholic Women's League Food Drive

Heartfelt thanks from The Catholic Women's League for your generous contributions for St. Philip Neri's Table and Food Program who help alleviate food insecurity for families in Toronto. Two vans filled to the brim with non-perishable food items were delivered to St. Philip Neri parish. They were most grateful for our contributions.

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned back one hour to 1:00 a.m. local standard time.



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