

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 12, 2023



Nov. 14th – Nov. 18th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Protection of the Unborn

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Joyce Lee †

Thurs. Noon - Teresa Fung Poon †

Fri. 8:30 am - Yun To Au †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Frank Flanagan †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 19th

1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++

2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-15, 19-21



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!

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

Missals will be available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church. We encourage parishioners to purchase a missal and read the Word of God ahead of Mass to savour the richness of the readings and to find healing through God's word.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet."

Although writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day.

This parable of the bridesmaids comes as Jesus moves from the teaching stage of his ministry into the days of his Passion and crucifixion. He is calling on his disciples to stay alert. Jesus knows they must be ready to carry the Good News into the world.

A certain number of those for whom Christ died on the cross, and to whom he gave the gift of his revelation and offered all the helps they needed, will never reach heaven because they exchanged their heavenly birthright for a mess of earthly pottage. That the foolish bridesmaids in the parable lost a golden opportunity through their negligence is evident and we can all sympathize with them up to a point, but the thoughts of very few will turn to the bride and groom who were so seriously insulted by this act of negligence on the part of chosen friends.

So too, every Christian lost is a grievous insult to the God who created and redeemed him. Christians have received the fullness of God's revelation and have been offered a special place in his marriage festival; they have received a privileged invitation not given to others. Is it not a serious and deliberate insult to God not to comply with the conditions of that generous offer?

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time. It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish.

CWL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20



We welcome all Ladies of our parish to join us from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Our Mass will be one of Remembrance of our departed. **PLEASE bring a glass enclosed candle to light at Mass.** After Mass, our presenter who founded an Ontario organization serving and supporting survivors of sex trafficking, will share facts and help create awareness on Sex Trafficking in Canada. She will also provide tools to identify red flag situations and safe actions we can take to save our most vulnerable from this predatory activity. We look forward to your being a part of this special evening!



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be collected before each Mass next 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.

NOVEMBER 18 AND 19

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.



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.

Faith • Hope • Charity

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
1 Corinthians 13: 13*

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18th and 19th



The Shepherds' Trust

Caring for those who always cared for us

The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry. The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Trust will continue to provide elderly and disabled diocesan priests with the necessary resources to lead a dignified life after many years of active ministry.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 19 November 2023

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor."

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an even greater sign of Christ's charity for least and those in need." In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed Himself as present in the least of His brothers and sisters.



Chalice

CHRISTMAS FUND

Share the joy of the Birth of Christ with each and every sponsored family. Christmas celebrations at our sites are filled with thoughtful prayer, enough food for all, and the warmth of family and friends. Donations to our Christmas fund will be pooled and sent to each of our sponsor sites to ensure that each sponsored family receives some extra support while they share in the love and joy of the Christmas season.

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