

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

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 19, 2023



Nov. 21st – Nov. 25th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Andrew Kwan

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Thurs. Noon - Jack & Hilda Williams †

Fri. 8:30 am - Chung/Szeto Family †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Lam Lai Kuen †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 26th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

2nd Reading: 1Corinth. 15.20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46



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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024

Boxed sets for 2024 envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form. Some parishioners have been assigned a new number. Please do not use 2024 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

December 2nd & 3rd

Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“To all those who have, more will be given.”

The man in the parable represents Jesus, we are the servants, and the talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us. What is the inheritance? His Word, the Eucharist, faith in the Heavenly Father, his forgiveness..., in other words, so many things, his most precious treasures. This is the inheritance that He entrusts to us, not only to safeguard, but to make fruitful!

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

Through reflection on this important Gospel, let us ask ourselves how we are using our talents. Are we allowing the mercy and grace of God to shine each and every day?

ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

**Tuesday December 5th
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.**

As we prepare for Advent, join us for an ecumenical Taizé prayer experience to encounter silence and God's presence that welcomes deeper hope and healing.



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!



NOVEMBER 25TH

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26TH

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The ladies of the CWL invite everyone to come and check out the assortment of Christmas Crafts, knitted goods, Christmas Baskets, baked goods and a raffle promising wonderful prizes and much more. There will be something for everyone on your list. We would be happy to receive donations of baked goods and prizes. Donations can be dropped off during regular office hours up until November 24th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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



The Shepherd's Trust

Caring for those who always cared for us

There will be a second collection today, for the Shepherd's Trust. The mission of The Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

POINSETTIAS

Back by popular demand. Place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Prices ranging from \$6.00 to \$35.00 and many colours to choose from. Prepayment is not required. Your order will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 9th and 10th. A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.



St. Michael's Choir School Choirs of Angels

December 02, 2023

09:00 P.M.

Massey Hall

178 Victoria St., Toronto

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