

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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 28, 2024



Jan. 30th – Feb. 3rd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – John Costantino Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Frank Flanagan †

Thurs. Noon – Kwan Hsing Lee †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Cloudio Chen †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Kevin D'Mello †

READINGS FOR – February 4th

1st Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 9.16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“He commands even the unclean spirits...”

“In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.”

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a “new teaching” today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It’s the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not “harden our hearts” and ignore the message when we have recognized that the messenger is sent by God.

How much of our time do we give to the things of God? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence? How often during the past year have we said from our heart: “Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily forevermore in your presence”? If the true answer for many of us is “not once,” then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us.

hello
February



FIRST FRIDAY

February 2nd

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. If you are currently signed up and you would like to increase your donation for 2024, please contact the office. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made in 2023 will be processed by the **end of February**. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



Youth Awards Program

The **CWL Youth Awards Program** is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. These contests are good confidence builders for the students and an opportunity for them to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. The program is comprised of the following four contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking (Gr. 7 & 8)
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry (Gr. 7 to 12)
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award (age 15 to 18)
- St. Michael's College Scholarship Gr. 12 (females only) due May 31, 2024

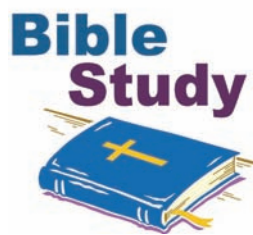
All registrations (besides St. Michael's College Scholarship) need to be received by Feb. 23, 2024. Good Shepherd contest for Mary Matthews Public Speaking will be held on Sun. Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. For each contest package and any further enquiries, please reach parish contact, **CATHERINE GER** at catherine.ger@outlook.com.

***May our Lady of Good Counsel
guide
us in all that we do.***

BIBLE STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH VIA "FORMED"

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2024 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY



Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The York Catholic District School Board

is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2020. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2 2024

The purpose of the day is to "help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord."

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