

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3, 2024



March 5th – March 9th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Giuseppina Pittruzella †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Otilia Lee †

Thurs. Noon - Helen D'Souza Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Luca Venanzio Gravina †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Valentina & Vladimir Kondukov †

READINGS FOR – March 10th

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21



The Stations of the Cross



Every Friday evening at
7:00 p.m. during Lent. Join us
as we follow the path of Christ.

The Rosary

The Rosary will be recited Friday
mornings at 8:10 a.m. during lent
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website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

March 17th is ShareLife Sunday

THE WORD THIS WEEK

***“Stop making my Father's house
a market place!”***

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.



Like the merchants in the Gospel today, we can lose sight of the peace that comes from simply being in the all-loving presence of God. As we continue our Lenten journey towards the resurrection, may we cleanse our hearts of the greed, gluttony and selfishness that form a barrier between us and the true love of God. May our hearts be converted to love, peace and new life.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Thursday, March 7

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

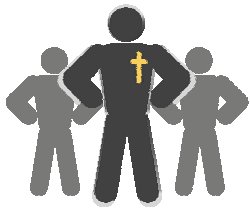
Zoom Presentation

“Finding Peace in Life's Storms”

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**March 10
Clocks are moved
forward
one hour.**





MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Men's Retreat

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite all the men of the parish to a Men's Lenten Retreat to take place here at Good Shepherd Parish on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. The retreat will be led by Father Martin Hilbert from the Toronto Oratory. There is no charge to attend and a light lunch will be served at the end of the retreat. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to council8340.info@gmail.com to confirm so the organizers can ensure that there will be enough food.

ABOUT FATHER MARTIN HILBERT

Father Martin Hilbert comes from the Toronto Oratory. The Oratorians are a teaching order within the Church who are faithful to the teachings of the Church. Father Martin regularly leads pilgrimages including numerous World Youth Days. In addition to being a priest, Father Martin is an engineer and a historian who is knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics. He is friendly and approachable and is enthusiastic about leading us in the retreat. We are very fortunate to have him!

Lead Me To The Cross, A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, March 22 - 07:30 PM and
Sunday, March 24 - 7:30 PM

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TICKETS: www.ticketor.com/stpadrepiochurch/tickets



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (March 9/10). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on March 16th & 17th. 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.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (March 9/10) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.

Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.



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March 9th/10th

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