



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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 1, 2024



Sept. 3rd – Sept. 7th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – In Thanksgiving

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Agnes Chi Min Lee †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony Lee

Fri. 8:30 am - Helen D'Souza – Sp. Int.

Sat. 4:30 pm - Mildred Leung †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7

2nd Reading: James 2.1-5

Gospel: Mark 7.31-37



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them.”

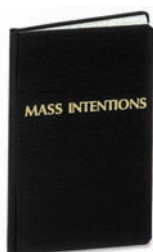
In today's Gospel, Jesus is encouraging us to listen and understand that the deepest desires of our hearts are reflected in our everyday actions, words and decisions. He is stirring our hearts and inviting us to reflect on the source of our spiritual well-being.

Jesus understands we struggle in our human weakness. We live in a secular world that measures our worth by what we accomplish and possess. This focus, even when it is not what we want, leads us away from God who deeply loves us, to the point of giving us his very self. The gospel also offers us an opportunity to understand the role of the Pharisees in Judaism and why Jesus and others had such strong feelings against their behaviour. Jesus tells them that they are hypocrites: "they honour God with their lips but their heart is far from God"; they obey the law and the traditions, not to please God, but to be seen and admired by men; their motive, self-glorification, vitiates every otherwise good act they perform.

Jesus shows that only those who are sinners in need of a healer – who do not have righteousness in themselves, who are devoid of divine entitlement, who do not deserve to be in fellowship with God – are the ones he came to call to repentance. True Christians are those who boast in Christ alone as their only hope, knowing it is the work of Christ by the grace of God that guarantees salvation.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

In recent weeks there has been an increase of fake/scam emails being received by parishioners throughout the archdiocese. These emails – usually sent from Gmail accounts operated by scammers – appear to be from a priest and often request the purchase of gift cards or electronic payments. Please exercise caution should you receive an email like this and contact the parish via telephone to validate its authenticity.



MASS INTENTIONS 2025 SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The celebration of Mass for a deceased loved one on an important anniversary is a very meaningful and caring expression of love for that person. It is an important part of our Catholic tradition.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are happy to have you back safe and sound. We also extend a warm welcome to all those who have just moved into the area and have chosen Good Shepherd as your parish. Please contact the office at 905-881-1534 or email goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org for registration forms and assigned envelopes.



**THE OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED ON
SEPTEMBER
2ND**

CWL MONTHLY MEETING

Monday September 16th

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



The CWL would like to invite all the women of the parish to attend our upcoming meeting on Monday, September 16th, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Our topic will be Restoration & Reciprocity – Healing Our Relationships with Nature through the lens of our indigenous brothers and sisters.

ROSE OF SHARON DIAPER DRIVE

Thank
you

& ST. PHILIP NERI'S TABLE

The CWL extend a big thank you to all the parishioners for their support and contributions for these drives. Over \$2000.00 worth of diapers/baby toiletries and clothes was collected for Rose of Sharon. Two car loads of food for the St. Philip Neri's Table and \$1200.00 was delivered to help alleviate a food crisis due to damages from the torrential rainfall in July to their pantry. We are grateful and blessed for such an amazing Parish!

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Sept. 7&8). Frozen casseroles will be collected the following weekend before each Mass. 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 (Sept. 7/8) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH



The Knights of Columbus are extending a welcome to all to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of an exciting fall season of church events. Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on September 15th in the church hall for our WELCOME BACK SUNDAY BBQ. This is also a wonderful time to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and exchange stories of what summer memories were made. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!



2025 Confirmation and Communion News

If your child will be in Grade 2 or 7 in the 2024-2025 school year, they are eligible to make their First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration information will be available in the next few weeks.



EWTN TORONTO FAMILY CELEBRATION


EWTN TORONTO FAMILY CELEBRATION EWTN, the world's largest Catholic TV Network, invites parishioners to the EWTN Family Celebration on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Delta Hotel Toronto Airport and Conference Centre at 655 Dixon Road, Toronto. This a FREE one-day, in-person event where attendees can meet and hear from Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Raymond de Souza, Johnnette Williams and EWTN hosts and clergy, be part of a live television audience, attend Confession, Adoration and the Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Emeritus, Cardinal Thomas Collins. "Stand Firm in the Faith!" is this year's theme. REGISTER NOW at www.ewtn.com/familycelebration or call 437-986-3986. Please share with your family and friends, especially those in Toronto!



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