



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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 8, 2024

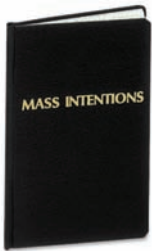


Sept. 10th – Sept. 14th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Lawrence Wong †
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. – John Kearns †
 Thurs. Noon - Tonis Kilp Sp. Int.
 Fri. 8:30 am - Simion Mera †
 Sat. 4:30 pm - Nicola Cherulescu †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 15th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9
 2nd Reading: James 2.14-18
 Gospel: Mark 8.27-35



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.



Please take time to check out our Bulletin

Board for upcoming events and programs available to our parishioners.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“EPHPHATHA,” THAT IS, “BE OPENED.”

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

In today's Gospel, God shows, through Jesus, his love to his people by overcoming social barriers and healing through touch. Isaiah calls forth courage in each of us. “Be strong, do not fear,” for God will save. During the exile in Babylon, the Israelites must have felt abandoned and alone. Isaiah's new of God's everlasting love was glimmer of light in the darkness.

Saint James calls each of us to follow in Jesus' footsteps – may we participate in the kingdom by reaching beyond barriers in order to show kindness and love to others. The sign of God's miraculous love is present to us every day through words and deeds that, inspired by grace, bring healing and comfort. These small miracles bring God's light to the places of darkness in our world. If we open our hearts to this visceral love, won't we too want to zealously share the Good News?

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.



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.

**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!

ShareLife

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Answer the call to compassion.

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope.

Thank you for your compassion.

First Holy Communion June 15, 2025



Good Shepherd Parish welcomes parents to register children in Grade 2 or older who are ready to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion. Registration will start October 1st. Course information and registration forms are available through the parish office. Registration requirements include:

- the completed registration forms
- photocopy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$50 payment (cash or cheque written out to Good Shepherd) for course material.

Deadline for registration is Jan. 31st, 2025. First Communion will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on **Sunday** June 15, 2025.

Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word program will begin in October twice a month on the first and fourth Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This is a program, for children 3 ½ to 8 years of age, which features prayers and the Gospel reading tailored for young children's understanding and attention.

Once the Mass begins, Father Anthony will invite the children and their teachers to the front of the church for a blessing before going into the church hall to learn about our faith. Children will return to their seats after the Prayers of the Faithful.

Registration details will be available in the next bulletin.


***“And this is the testimony:
God has given us eternal life,
and this life is His Son.”***

1 John 5:11

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