

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

Deacons: Michael Gennaro James Shaughnessy

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPT. 15, 2024



Mass Intentions

Sept. 17th – Sept. 21st

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Msgr. John Weber 🕆 Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Gerrard Bates 🕆 Thurs. Noon - Malena Dulanto ở Fri. 8:30 am - Brian O'Connell ở Sat. 4:30 pm - Kim Yin & Veronica Chau ở

READINGS FOR – Sept. 22nd

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.112, 17-20 2nd Reading: James 3.16-4.3 Gospel: Mark 9.30-37





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.



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

"Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross

and follow me."

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark, we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question," Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us. We are in the happy position of the Apostles after the resurrection of Jesus. We know how much God loves us; we appreciate the humiliation that the incarnation brought on his beloved Son and the sufferings and cruel death which the sins of the world, ours included, brought on the Son of God. All of this took place because God wished to make us his adopted sons and worthy of the inheritance he had planned for us. For a faithful and grateful Christian, however, theoretical appreciation is not enough. Atonement has been made for our sins, but we have still a very important part to play. Our sins can be forgiven but we must truly repent of them before God will forgive them.

"In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed."



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.

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.



An Organ Extravaganza Sunday, September 29 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM St. Michael's Basilica

Cathedral Basilica

Cathedral Organists Philip J. Fillion, John Paul Farahat, Paul Jenkins, Christopher Ku and David Simon pull out all the stops as they present virtuosic works by J.S. Bach, Camille Saint-Saëns, Charles-Marie Widor, Jeanne Demessieux, Herbert Howells and other renowned composers on the magnificent Grand Organ of St. Michael's Cathedral. The recital is

free; a suggested donation of \$25 per person can be made on the afternoon of the recital. CONTACT: St. Michaels Choir School



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 12 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.



To register please scan the QR code.

St. ShareLife

"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours." Please share your blessings by making a

contribution at sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

PRAYERS TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the malice and snare of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of heavenly hosts, by the divine power, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



