



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 22, 2024



Sept. 24th – Sept. 28th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Agnes Ng †
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving
 Thurs. Noon - Tony Yee †
 Fri. 8:30 am - Kightly Family †
 Sat. 4:30 pm - Mildred Leung †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 29th

1st Reading: Numbers 11.25-29
 2nd Reading: James 5.1-6
 Gospel: Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48



NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Your generosity not only sustains its efforts, but also fosters a spirit of unity and faith in our communities. Your support is appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary invite all to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m. (immediately after the 4:30 p.m. Mass). **The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy**

Rosary. Let us honor and venerate Our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her intentions and the intentions of our Church.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Whoever welcomes one such child ... welcomes me.”

Christianity is often castigated for teaching that God is an angry God whose wrath at human sin required a perfect human sacrifice to appease his bad temper. Today’s readings tell a very different story.

When Jesus tells the disciples about his impending death and resurrection, it doesn’t sink in. Perhaps this is because his death is too awful to contemplate or because resurrection is a difficult concept. However, the timing of their argument about who is the greatest suggests that they are too busy thinking about themselves, to think about him. Jesus is someone they dearly love, yet they are unable to respond to his news with compassion. Jesus has taught them not to be afraid, yet they cannot summon the courage to ask him to explain. They are stymied by their ego. As Jesus shows by likening welcoming a child to welcoming God, his definition of greatness is our ability to love.

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.



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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 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.

An Organ Extravaganza Sunday, September 29 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



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CONTACT: St. Michaels Choir School



Bequests

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. We have a free **estate planning guide** to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will. Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the **correct legal names** when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE ON "WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT – PART ONE"

Tuesday Evenings Starting
Oct. 8th – Nov. 5th
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Via Zoom


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