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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

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 29, 2024



Oct. 2nd – Oct. 5th

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Tonis Kilp Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon - Stuart Wright Sp. Int.

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

Sat. 4:30 pm - Maria Gan †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 6th

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16



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.

INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION OCTOBER 5/6 2024

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Whoever is not against us is for us.”

There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

How many times have people been stereotyped and even excluded when we have heard or thought, “but they are not one of us!” Today, we are presented with two instances in which the followers of Moses and Jesus fail to grasp that the Spirit of Lord has no limits and is certainly not under their control.

The apostles did not understand Jesus' inclusive love and outreach. While Moses recognized the Spirit, he understood that not everyone did: “Would that all the Lord's people were Prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit in them!”

But we are born into a world in which the Spirit of God is already at work. Saint John Paul II affirmed that the Spirit of God is the both God's presence and activity in the world.

Jesus invites us all to live with reverence for a missionary God who moves and acts in ways unknown to us – and to do so with openness and respect for all creation. Our primary responsibility is to prayerfully discern God's presence and how to be faithful today to our baptismal commitment. Jesus gives us a fundamental guideline for both our discernment and discipleship: “Whoever is not against us is for us.” May God bless all of our good efforts!

FIRST FRIDAY

October 4th

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.





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.

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

Those who have registered, please pick up your book from the church office. Payment of \$20.00 to be given to Ornella/Maria. Thank you.



OCTOBER 6 2024

DON MILLS & STEELES

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This annual demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on mothers, fathers and the community at large. Please join us this year. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs. You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour.

For more information, please visit:
Campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain



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.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SEPTEMBER 29

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks with His People." In his message, Pope Francis encourages us to unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them and entrust them to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary ... as they continue their journey."

CWL

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

We need your help. The CWL has been asked to make thirty-five (35) scarves for a women's shelter for Christmas. We can provide the wool. If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Mary Williams 416-802-9166.




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The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses this weekend. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

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