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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 27, 2024



Oct. 29th – Nov. 2nd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Celine Gomes Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Clement Filart †

Thurs. Noon - Jim Dodge Jr. †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 3rd

1st Reading: Deuter. 6.2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28

Gospel: Mark 12.28-34



November 1st

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

November 2nd

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which re-presents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME!”

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So, Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

How many of us cling to things that interfere with getting closer to God? Often, we wear them like a cloak – envy, gluttony, greed or avarice, lust, pride, sloth and wrath. These sins are often confused with what we need and want and we sometimes try to justify hanging onto them. But in the end, we find that they distance us from God. The miraculous key that Jesus identified is faith. Do we have the courage to fling off the cloak? It is that simple – faith can help us find the way when we are blinded by confusion over what is important. Faith will save us.

**FIRST FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST**

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.





2025 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation Registration forms are available at Good Shepherd for pick up. Confirmation Candidates and parents are asked to attend meeting on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring Registration Forms, Supporting Documents and fee to the meeting. Classes will commence on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. If you require more information please contact the office.

Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! November 23rd and 24th

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save any clothing, shoes and linens in any condition that you would like to donate. Please check out the bulletin board for more information.



Day of Reflection & Prayer for the Bereaved

Saturday, November 02, 2024
09:30 AM - 05:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Day of Reflection & Prayer for the Bereaved facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland is open to men & women. The suggested offering is \$65 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break and talks. "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland.
REGISTER: Email manresaregistration@outlook.com or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905- 839-2864.



All Souls Day Mass Saturday November 2 02:00 PM

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum - 6933 Tomken Rd., Mississauga
- Christ the King Cemetery – Reception Centre 7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham
- Holy Cross – Holy Family Mausoleum 8361 Yonge Street, Thornhill
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian & English) 7300 Highway #27 Woodbridge
- Resurrection Cemetery – Our Lady of the Assumption – 355 Taunton Rd., Whitby

ALL ARE WELCOME

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Ladies of the Parish, membership renewal continues for 2025. For your convenience, your box of Offertory Envelopes includes a blue envelope dated October 20, 2024 "CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP". Provide the required information and enclose renewal fee of \$40.00. Please drop the envelopes during Mass collections. We also invite all interested ladies to join our community. The CWL is at the heart of organizing charitable events in support of those less fortunate. We are blessed to have such a supportive and active group in our parish.



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd AT
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TO LOCAL STANDARD TIME.**

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