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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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 3, 2024



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of being asked, “This religion of yours – what’s it all about, really, when you come down to it?” Our temptation might be to go on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things – love of God and love of neighbour – which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all men no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our fellowmen, our neighbors, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbor because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father, we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's favor.

If we observe these two commandments we are “fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,”; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

Nov. 5th – Nov. 9th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Jae-Sun Park †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Mark Williams †

Thurs. Noon - Helen D’Souza Sp. Int.

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Josephine McCran †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Deceased members of Knights of Columbus – Good Shepherd Council 8340 †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 10th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28

Gospel: Mark 12.38-44



Pope Francis Elevates Archbishop Francis Leo to the College of Cardinals

Pope Francis has announced that Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals. The announcement came at the conclusion of the Holy Father’s Sunday Angelus in Rome.

The Holy Father will hold a Consistory for the creation of the new Cardinals on December 8, 2024 at the Vatican. Twenty-one new Cardinals from around the world were included in the announcement. Cardinal-elect Leo commented on the appointment:

“I am humbled and honoured to receive this appointment from the Holy Father. I pray and rely on the prayers of the faithful in Toronto that I will be a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus in fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of the College of Cardinals and to continue in my primary role as shepherd of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I entrust to the Blessed Mother Mary, myself and this new ministry of service to the Universal Church and to the Successor of St. Peter, the Pope.”





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.



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For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Next weekend (Nov. 9&10) the Knights will be collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



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.



DECEMBER 7TH
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 8TH
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dear Parishioners and C.W.L. Members, We invite you to participate in our Bazaar by contributing to our Silent Auction and Raffle Tables. If you have something lovely, new or almost new that you would like to part with, we would be most grateful to accept it. Perhaps you have been given a gift that is not of your taste or a framed picture or figurine that there is no longer space for or even jewelry that you no longer wear. These are ideal suggestions as well as vases, dishes, coffee makers or appliances that haven't been used as well as puzzles etc. that children would like to win. All offerings must be brought to the church between Nov. 23rd and Nov. 30th giving us a week to prepare our tables. Should you have any questions don't hesitate to call me (Carol Von Zuben) at 905-889-1561.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION




Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Nov. 9&10). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) to pick up pans. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

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