



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 10, 2024



Nov. 12th – Nov. 16th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Jacqueline Dumouchel †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - †

Thurs. Noon - Jim Dodge Jr. †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Chung/Szeto Family †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Rita Coutinho – Sp. Int.

READINGS FOR – Nov. 17th

1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32



SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 16th and 17th



There will be an additional collection on November 16th/17th for the Shepherds' Trust. The mission of the Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.



2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

The last weekend to use the current Sunday Missal is November 23rd/24th. If you would like to purchase a 2024/2025 Missal, they will be available for sale (\$5.00) in the foyer of the Church.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“She out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

“God does not have favorites”, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the “widows and orphans” - so the story we hear in today’s Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The Gospel also cautions us: hypocrisy and inauthenticity are worse than useless. In fact, they are condemnable. Putting on a show of righteousness will fool no one and it certainly does not do the deceiver any good. Instead, we should cultivate authentic giving, like the poor widow who gave her last coins. Our gifts and our lives should be offered with humility and abandonment. If we grip tightly onto our last coin, we block God, grace and the potential of being transformed for our greatest good. The tale of the poor widow is meant to spark a conversation of the heart. It calls us to great openness. It is a big risk to surrender everything of value; when we surrender to a merciful God, it is called trust. We may never be called on to share our last morsel with a starving neighbor but if we are, we must remember that Christ gave his very life for us and has asked us to do likewise, if necessary. It may never be necessary for us to make this supreme act of self-renunciation. If, however, we are sincerely practicing our religion, we must be ever-ready to help a neighbor in need even if this cuts into our hard-earned reserves. The greater the sacrifice, the greater the reward.

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.



**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.



**Make a ShareLife gift.
Your YES goes twice as far!**

Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife



**NOVEMBER 23rd
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 24th
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 new or almost new that you would like to part with, we would be most grateful to accept it. All offerings must be brought to the church on the weekend before the bazaar (Nov. 16th/17th) prior to all Masses, giving us time to prepare our tables. Should you have any questions don't hesitate to call me (Carol Von Zuben) at 905-889-1561. Please visit the parish hall for all your Christmas shopping. You will find ornaments, jewellery, knitted goods, wreaths, candles and much more.



**CWL General Meeting
November 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

We welcome all the ladies of the parish to join us for Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by an opportunity to watch Episode 3 of the series "Chosen" entitled: "Jesus loves the Little Children".

**Ministry with Maturing Adults
All of us experience times when praying can be difficult.**

**Inviting Men and Women (50+)
Friday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Presentation
"WHAT TO DO WHEN
PRAYER FEELS DRY"**

To register and get the Zoom link, email vathaide@rogers.com by November 11th.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

Boxed sets for 2025 envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer. If you are not currently using parish envelopes and wish to have a set, please complete a form.



Some parishioners have been assigned a new number. Please do not use 2025 envelopes until the New Year and kindly ask **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years. This will ensure that tax receipts are accurate. You may wish to consider pre-authorized giving. To make changes to personal information, please inform the office to update your records in writing.



NOVEMBER 16 AND 17

The Legion of Mary invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall.

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