



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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOV. 17, 2024



Nov. 19th – Nov. 23rd

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Dominic Yam †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Andrew Kwan †

Thurs. Noon - Jack & Hilda Williams †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Elisabeth Nagy †

READINGS FOR – Nov. 24th

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37



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



There will be an additional collection this weekend 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.



MILK BAG COLLECTION

The CWL is on a mission and needs your help to collect outer milk bags. These bags will be woven together by Luke 4:18 Committee at St. Monica Catholic School to create sleeping mats and pillows. Once completed they will be delivered to Dr. Simone's warehouse (Canadian Food for Children-CFFC) in Mississauga and distributed to the world's most impoverished communities. By reusing milk bags, you play a vital role in reducing environmental waste while also providing essential protection against moisture, bugs, lice, insects and snakes for those in need. Each mat requires 300 to 500 milk bags and sleeps five people. Let's work together to make a difference! Please remember to WASH, DRY AND FLATTEN the milk bags before placing them in the bin the foyer. Your contribution matters. Thank you for your support.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The Son of Man ... will send out the Angels and gather his elect from the four winds."

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then... he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds."

This is the steadying thought the Church, in her wisdom, wishes to put before our minds today. We all know that we must die someday. No sane person among us will try to deny this and yet, many of us are so immersed in the things of this world that we forget or try to forget that we must leave this world. This is very natural: life is a precious gift and as our earthly life is the only one of which we have experience our every inclination is to hold on to it at all costs.

We have God's word for it and the example of Christ's resurrection to a life of glory. Let us appreciate the truth that our death on earth is not the end of life but rather the beginning of the true life that will never end. The years on earth are a gift of God to enable us to earn the infinitely greater gift which in his loving mercy he has prepared for us from all eternity.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) work towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. During the coming months, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and International stamps as well as any stamp collections earmarked for a good cause and a new home. Effect Hope sells these to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than 1/4" and no more than 1/2" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table. Thank you for your support!



**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 "The Chosen" entitled: "Jesus loves the Little Children".



**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.

**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.



POINSETTIAS

Back by popular demand. Place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Prepayment is not required. Last day for orders is December 1st. Your orders will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 14th and 15th after all Masses. A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025

Boxed sets for 2025 envelopes are ready for distribution. 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.

**St. Michael's Choir School
Presents "GLORIA!"
December 14, 2024
09:00 P.M.**



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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.



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