

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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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JAN. 19, 2025



Jan. 21st – Jan. 25th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Sam Lam †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Ignatius Kwan †

Thurs. Noon - Joan Dullegez †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Daphne Chung †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Kevin D’Mello †



READINGS FOR – Jan. 26th

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 12.12-30

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water.’”

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the “signs” as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah, and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we can turn Mary's words into a prayer for the whole Christian family. Each of us – according to the gifts and charisms we have been given, in our faith communities and our personal lives- contributes to God's ongoing work in the world. May we do what he tells us, trusting Jesus and each other.



Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year”. The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. In the words of Pope Francis: *“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”*

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Gentle reminder that registrations for children receiving their First Communion are to be submitted by January 31, 2025. Please drop off registrations at the parish office.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form. **Please print your name and address for the first few weeks** so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



As we depend entirely on the generosity of our parishioners, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to PAG for your regular parish donations. You may also include your contribution to ShareLife, which spreads your donation monthly over the year. Donations may be either withdrawn from your bank account or charged to your credit card monthly. You have the convenience of your offertory being automatically contributed – no more writing cheques or finding cash. We receive regular, dependable contributions, and a reduction of paperwork. Information and authorization forms are available at the bookshelf and behind the last pews. You may also enrol in PAG through the Archdiocese of Toronto's website.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri



**Sunday, February 9, 2025
2:30 PM**

**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
(65 Bond Street)**

A special Mass to honour couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2025. You may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/
Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.
CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org
416-934-3400 ext. 523

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

**Saturday, February 1, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

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Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at

**St. Margaret Mary Parish
February 15 & 16, 2025
9:00 AM - 02:00 PM**


8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge

Please join us as we host the Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.
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