

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

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 23, 2025



Feb. 25th – March 1st

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Angelo Gulla †
Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Connie Leung †
Thurs. Noon - Tony Leung Sp. Int.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Nuria DeLosada Sp. Int.
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Kevin D’Mello †

READINGS FOR – March 2nd

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 15.54-58
Gospel: Luke 6.39-45



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Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your local community. An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate. Your regular donations ensure that the church can manage its staff, programs and ongoing operating costs. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

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Pre-authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church. If you wish to make contributions using your credit card, please register on-line through the Archdiocese website. www.archtoronto.org



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Do not condemn and you will not be condemned.”

What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that spring from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us, because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies as he does. He asks us to love as God loves, whose love is generous and forgiving.

During his life, Jesus showed us how to love those who infuriate us and to forgive those who have harmed us. This is especially clear on the Cross when he prayed for his enemies to be forgiven.

We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

Loving your enemies may seem impossible. It involves forgiving others who have wronged us. Sometimes we may struggle with forgiveness because the harm we received feels unbearable. Jesus constantly invites us to free both the person who offended us and ourselves from any anger that blinds us. We cannot accomplish this alone. We need to ask God for his gift of grace to forgive others, to be aware that he is present within us and in each person.

On our own, loving our enemies is very difficult. It is only by turning to the Lord in prayer and trusting in his mercy that it becomes possible. Let us ask him to transform our hearts so that we may love as he loves and be reflections of his mercy with others.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made in 2024 will be processed and mailed out by the **end of February**. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



Pour Out Adoration Night
Friday, February 28, 2025
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

Lent is almost here; a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting where we pour out all that we are before Jesus in preparation for Easter. Has your soul felt disquieted or restless? Maybe you've felt alone in the desert for far too long with nothing left to give. This adoration night, we are going to lean into our longing for God and soak in the mystery of His overwhelming love for us. Join us for an evening of renewal & hope as we come together for praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer ministry, confession and a talk by Fr. Adam Pantaleo inspired by Psalm 42. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

CONTACT: Merciful Redeemer Parish
EMAIL: communications@mercifulredeemer.org



Saturday, March 29
8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto

Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto

The theme of this year's rally is
"POWER FROM ON HIGH"

The theme this year encourages us to remember and focus on the source of our strength. Join us and experience compelling speakers, powerful praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and Procession and much more. For ticket information, visit our Website: www.ljhr.ca
EMAIL: contact@ljhr.ca

CWL General Meeting
March 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.



Beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m., our meeting this month will be a Mini Retreat with a Lenten theme: "The Stations of the Cross". All ladies of the Parish are welcome.

SEASON OF LENT

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us. This is about God's great desire to bless us. So let us prepare to receive what God wants to give us.

Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday March 5th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with Ashes being distributed at both Masses.



This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.



Gentle reminder to parishioners, the parish has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, e-books and even cartoons for children. You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

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