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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – MAR. 23, 2025



March 25th – March 29th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Brendan Yeung †
Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Richard Griesi †
Thurs. Noon - Bouchard Family †
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Josephine Mendez †

READINGS FOR – March 30th

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12
2nd Reading: 1 Corinth. 5.17-21
Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



The Stations of the Cross

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

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 37, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week. Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.

Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Let it alone for one more year."

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasized in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit.

Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit in keeping with the graces we have received. But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live and, as St Peter teaches, he is "fore bearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance". We believe in a merciful and compassionate God who gives us time for growth. This Lenten season is a good time to dig around the foundation of our lives and fertilize where it is needed.

Try to observe this Sunday in Lent with your family — make it relaxing as befits the Lord's Day. Remember that the Sundays of Lent are not counted in the total forty days of this holy season, so you are not expected to continue your penances and fasting on this day.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Consecration to Our Lady for all active and auxiliary members on Sunday, March 23rd starting at 3:00 p.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 3501 Finch Ave. East (at Birchmount).



REPORT TO PARISH 2024 FINANCIALS

Thank you to all our parishioners for their love, support and dedication to Good Shepherd Parish. We are grateful for the opportunities to worship, grow and serve alongside you. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and unwavering faith.

REVENUE:

Offertory	211,337.00
All other Collections	211,620.00
Interest Revenue	26,732.00
Parish Programs	6,941.00
Sundry Receipts	21,382.00
Sp. Collections (Total)	95,735.00
Redeemed Investments	<u>24,544.00</u>
TOTAL	\$598,291.00

EXPENDITURES:

All Church Expenses	272,237.00
Rectory Expenses	15,400.00
Parish Programs	3,825.00
Sundry/Admin. Exp.	11,315.00
Diocesan Assessment	75,349.00
Sp. Collect. Disburse.	95,735.00
Investment Purchase	<u>26,150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$500,011.00

NET INCOME **\$98,280.00**

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DONATE DIAPERS

LEARN HOW

Diaper Drive for Rose of Sharon March 29th and 30th

This Lent, the CWL is responding to the Church's request to help those in need. We are kindly asking

for donations of diapers for boys and girls, sizes 4 to 7. Also needed are items for the mothers, such as; face moisturizers, hand creams, body lotions, black mascaras, and fragrances. Drop off donations in the Parish Hall on the weekend of March 29th and 30th only. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses March 29/30. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.



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Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry.

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

March 30th is ShareLife Sunday

This Is Jesus: A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, April 11, 2025 07:30 PM

Sunday, April 13, 2025 7:30 PM

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*Not recommended for children under seven years of age.

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