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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MAR. 30, 2025



April 1st – April 5th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – †
Wed. 8:30 a.m. – †
Thurs. Noon - Saint Arnaud Family †
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Walter Saldanha †

READINGS FOR – April 6th

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21
2nd Reading: Phil. 3.8-14
Gospel: John 8.1-11



The Stations of the Cross

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

CONFESSION TIMES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Anthony will be hearing confessions on:

Tuesday April 8

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fr. Anthony & Fr. Dave on

Wednesday April 9

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that confessions are also heard every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (Except Holy Saturday)



Forgiveness is the great divine gift offered to us by Jesus. It is not a human possibility to forgive sins. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Wherever Jesus goes he offers this divine forgiveness. He even offers it to those who kill him. It is for the forgiveness of sins that he pours out his blood on the cross and that he sends forth his disciples into the world.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation".

This parable reminds us that on our own we do not possess a full understanding of the benefits of God's redeeming love. When we fall short, we need to turn to God with confidence and an open heart to seek forgiveness. When we turn to God with sorrowful and humble hearts, we experience his grace as unconditional love. Then, everything becomes new as it did for the prodigal son who returned to his welcoming father.

It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. We must strive to remain mindful of God's enduring love for us and to live virtuous lives. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.



FIRST FRIDAY

April 4th

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

Have you checked out the book shelf?

We've added Lenten/Easter Prayer & Inspirational booklets to keep the spirit alive throughout the fifty days and beyond. Take a few minutes every day to be in the peaceful presence of God and encounter the wonder and power of his love.



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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This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

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CHING MING CHINESE REMEMBRANCE MASS 2025

The 2025 Ching Ming Remembrance Mass will be in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday April 5 at 2:00 p.m. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For further details, please see the poster on the bulletin board.



This Is Jesus: A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Friday, April 11, 2025 07:30 PM

Sunday, April 13, 2025 7:30 PM

St. Padre Pio

5500 Major Mackenzie Dr., Kleinburg

(Produced by St. Padre Pio Parish)

Jesus was, is and will be! Both human and divine, Jesus remains the most important figure in history, whether you are a follower or not. "This Is Jesus," the story of Christ unfolds with timeless moments from His life, that will touch the heart. From the perspective of all the witnesses of Jesus' ministry and life and filtered for us through the four canonical Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, this musical production attempts to bring forth the true reason for Jesus' life mission - love. With a fully adult cast, high quality production value and talented singers and musicians, this Passion Play is not to be missed. Choose from Friday, April 11 or Sunday, April 13, both at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Choose your seat and purchase online at: <https://www.ticketor.com/stpadrepiochurch/>
*Not recommended for children under seven years of age.

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