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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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 21, 2025



Sept. 23rd – Sept. 27th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Suk Chun Lee †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Tony Countinho †

Thurs. Noon - Fernand Bouchard †

Fri. 8:30 am - Dominic & Bridget Phillips †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Dr. John Chung †

READINGS FOR – Sept. 28th

1st Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31



NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 28 2025



This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Your generosity not only sustains its efforts, but also fosters a spirit of unity and faith in our communities. Your support is appreciated.



Confirmation and Communion News

If your child will be in Grade 2 or 7 in the 2025-2026 school year, they are eligible to make their First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation. Updates will be posted in the bulletin when information is available.



BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses September 27/28. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Give me an accounting of your management ..."

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: "Use money to win you friends," is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today's Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: "The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind..." Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding "friends in heaven"?

It was God who created all that exists in this world. He intended these goods for the use of man. We are only managers, therefore, of these worldly goods. It is on our way of managing these goods, not on the quantity we had to manage, that our judgment will be based. Millionaires can get to heaven while all paupers have no guarantee that they will make it. Our Lord deduces two lessons for us from the parable of the unjust manager or steward. Firstly, the enterprise which he showed in providing for his earthly happiness when he would lose his employment, was greater and keener than that shown by most of us in providing for our eternal happiness.

The second lesson our Lord wishes to teach us is that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who are in need of our help. By doing that, we will be making friends who will help us at the judgment seat to get a lasting reception in heaven. Remember that description of the judgment which our Lord gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy, we do for Him. Those whom we help, as far as we can, will be witnesses testifying for us when our final examination, on which our eternity will depend, comes upon us.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING FREE WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn how to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney and through proper Estate Trustee selection. Learn how to create your own legacy and learn about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals.



3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

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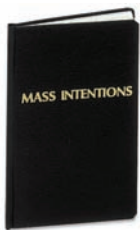
3. send an email to:

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and write "webinar Sep 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



This Thanksgiving, gratitude comes with a challenge — families are struggling to put food on the table. ShareLife has pledged \$800,000 through its Food Security Grants to bring warm meals to those who need them most. Will you share your blessings with our parish's ShareLife Campaign? We have currently raised \$123,000.00. Please give with love at sharelife.org/donate or our parish with a ShareLife envelope.



MASS INTENTIONS 2026

The celebration of Mass for a deceased loved one on an important anniversary is a very meaningful and caring expression of love for that person. It is an important part of our Catholic tradition.



Planning Ahead Information Session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home will be hosting this event that will provide valuable information on the benefits of planning ahead for funeral and cemetery needs, including:

- Easing stress for family members
- Locking in today's prices
- Flexible payment options
- Ensuring personal wishes are honoured

Details:

□ Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home located at 211 Langstaff Rd East, Thornhill

□ Refreshments will be served

□ Complimentary Estate Planning Guide for all attendees

RSVP: 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

OCTOBER 5 2025 DON MILLS & STEELES 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This annual demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on mothers, fathers and the community at large. Please join us this year. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs. You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. Please contact your local organizer for info or contact Life Chain Canada (1-800-730-5358, lifecchain@campaignlifecoalition.com).

Please take time to check out our Bulletin Board for upcoming events and programs available to our parishioners.






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