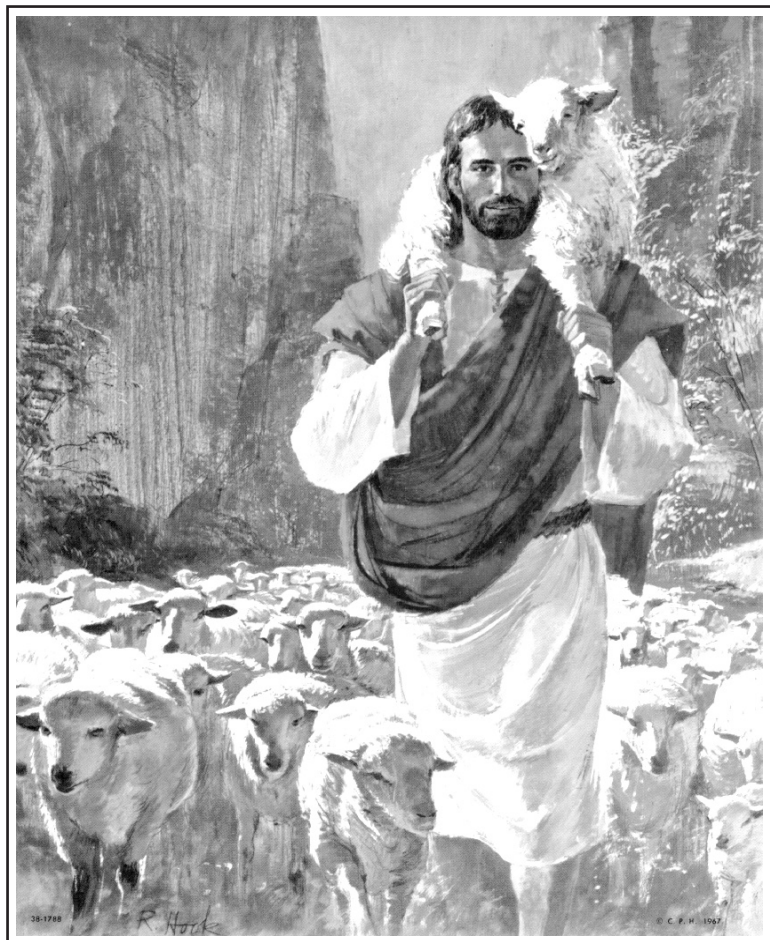




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Celebration of The Eucharist

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 19, 2025



Oct. 21st – Oct. 25th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Gerry Ringuette †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Peter Ho & Maria Wong †

Thurs. Noon - In Thanksgiving – Fonseca Family

Fri. 8:30 am - Sydney & Marie Phillips †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Andrew Rubaszek †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 26th

1st Reading: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14



2025 BISHOPS ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS

Last Saturday, October 11th, **Joanna Bridges, Christine Palmer and**

Sean Paje, Altar Servers of our Parish, received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Pastoral Region.

We extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to Joanna, Christine and Sean. The parish is truly grateful to all of its Altar Servers for their participation at the celebration of the Eucharist and ceremonies through the Church year. New members (Grade 5 & up) are welcome to join. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.



CWL General Meeting October 20th 7:00 p.m.

All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Please join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m., information and fellowship.

BLESSED BROKEN OR UNUSED ROSARIES?

The CWL of our parish are here to help! We will repair and donate these to Catholic organizations who will thoughtfully offer to those who can't afford one.

Please bring your rosaries and place them in the bin in the church foyer marked "BLESSED ROSARY DONATIONS"

Thank you!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?"

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about the importance of praying continually. At the best of times this is so challenging, he adds to not lose heart. In the face of great need, how difficult it can be to keep praying while seeing no apparent results. Sometimes it can be tempting to give in to despair and discouragement.

Our divine Lord teaches us, in this parable, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us! The trials of life, spiritual or temporal, which He allows us to suffer are not obstacles to our spiritual progress but rather stepping-stones without which we could not cross the rivers of life at all.

"Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you. Keep praying, keep believing, keep hoping: God is already working your life, in one way or the other. He answers your prayers; the Lord is faithful.

"I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

St. John Paul II



First Holy Communion May 31, 2026

Good Shepherd Parish welcomes parents to register children in Grade 2 or older who are ready to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion. Registration for the course must be submitted by December 15, 2025. Information and registration forms are available through the parish office. Registration requirements include:

- the completed registration forms
- photocopy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$50 payment (cash or cheque written out to Good Shepherd) for course material.

First Communion will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on **Sunday May 31, 2026 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

2026 CONFIRMATION

The date has been set for May 24, 2026. Confirmation Registration and class information will be available soon.



Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday November 05

07:00 p.m. - 08:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
78 Clifton Rd.**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is held every first Wednesday of the Month.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are two significant expressions of Catholic spirituality, focusing on the love and mercy of Jesus and the compassion and purity of Mary. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus emphasizes Christ's immense love for humanity, as symbolized by His heart. The Immaculate Heart of Mary devotion focuses on the interior life of Mary, her virtues, and her deep love for God and humanity. It is particularly tied to her maternal compassion and sorrow for the sins of the world.

CONTACT: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Our parish is a family, and every family thrives when each member shares their gifts. God has blessed each of us with unique talents – whether it's music, teaching, reading or serving at the altar. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help build up our community: as musician, usher, counter, lector, altar server or another way that reflects your gifts. Your time and talents are just as important as your continued financial support and together, we can continue to grow as a vibrant, faith-filled parish.

Red Wednesday Mass

November 19 2025

05:30 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.

**St. Michael's Cathedral
Basilica**

Pray and Act for Persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday across Canada and around the world. In Toronto, a Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica by Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Red Wednesday shines a light on the persecution of Christians and calls everyone to defend the human right to religious freedom. Parishes, schools, and communities can participate by praying, wearing red, hosting events and sharing online. Every action, large or small, sends hope.

More information: www.acn-canada.org/rw/



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