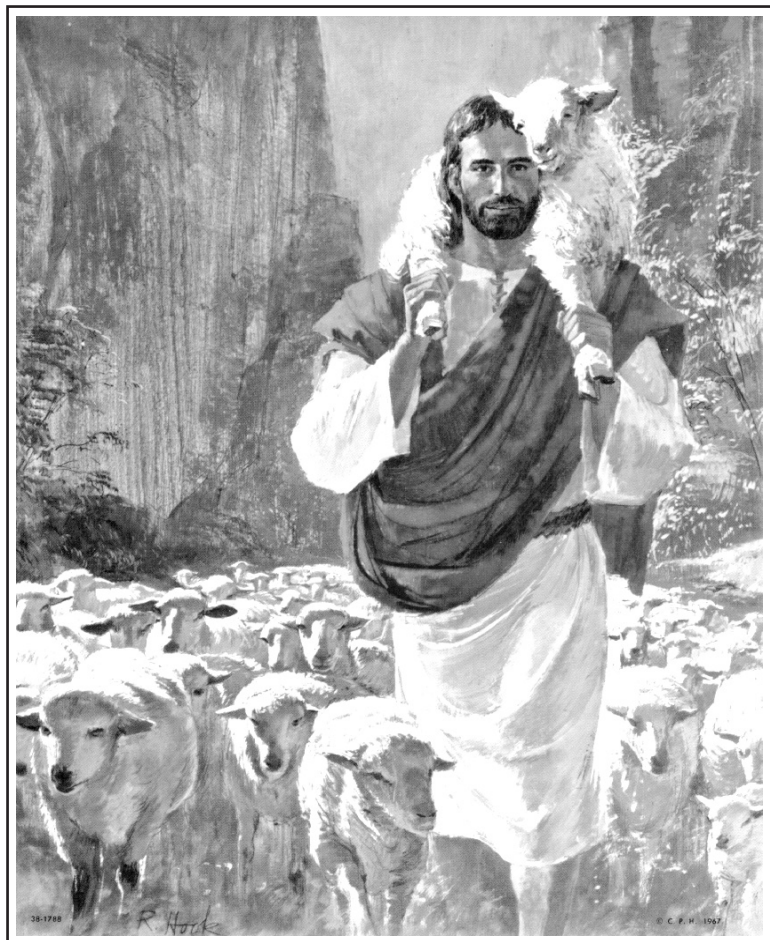




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Celebration of The Eucharist

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 26, 2025



Oct. 28th – Oct. 31st

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Chung & Szeto Family †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Gerald Murray †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Fri. 8:30 am - Marina Dutta †



November 1st

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

**Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)**

November 2nd



The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which re-presents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“God, I thank you that I am not like other people.”

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to reflect on our prayer life through two contrasting prayers from a self-righteous Pharisee and a humble tax collector. How do we pray? For many of us it is a challenge to pray amidst our busy lives, distractions, fears and worries. We can struggle to find or make the time. Perhaps we place lofty expectations on what our prayer life should be before God. Why bother praying at all?

God deeply desires to be in loving relationship with us. If we're honest with ourselves, we too, want to be drawn into this Divine love. Prayer is about being in relationship with God. All that he asks is that we reach out to him with a humble and open heart, anytime and anywhere – just like the tax collector in the Gospel. God wants to meet us where we are in our giftedness, brokenness and sinfulness, to lovingly embrace us with joy, compassion and forgiveness. By unburdening and opening ourselves in prayer, we become freer to know, praise and walk in gratitude with God and others in our daily lives. There are many ways for us to pray. Jesus wants to show us that our prayer life is an invitation to welcome God's love, grace and mercy working in us. We bother to pray because we need to pray. We are God's beloved.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees is that, while God approves of no sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2nd AT 2:00
A.M. CLOCKS ARE TURNED
BACK ONE HOUR TO LOCAL
STANDARD TIME.**



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.

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Join the 18th Annual ShareLife Poster Contest

Rules:

Open to all Catholic elementary school students in the DCDSB, DPCDSB, SMCDSB, TCDSB and YCDSB.

Poster size should be 11 x 17 inches.

Can be drawn, coloured or a digital illustration.

Must be the student's own original work (no use of AI is permitted).

Must clearly promote the ShareLife logo and mission ("Living the Gospel by providing for those in need").

Next year, ShareLife celebrates its 50th anniversary. Have your poster be a reflection of the work ShareLife has done and be a celebration of this great milestone.

The winning entry will be the 2025-2026 elementary school poster and be distributed to all schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Finalist submissions may also be featured in ShareLife resources and social media.

To submit:

Must be submitted no later than December 5, 2025.

Indicate the student's name, grade, teacher, school and school board on the back of the poster.

Two ways to send your submission:

Scan/photograph the student's original work and email to: sharelifecontest@archtoronto.org

Or mail physical poster to: ShareLife Poster Contest, 1155 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

Red Wednesday Mass

November 19 2025

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

**St. Michael's Cathedral
Basilica**

People around the world will mark Red Wednesday, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). This global

day highlights the persecution of Christians and reminds us that religious freedom is a human right. In Toronto, the Archdiocese of Toronto invites the Catholic community to participate in Mass where Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will preside. By attending the Mass, wearing red, or organizing local activities, you stand in solidarity with those who suffer for their faith. More info: www.acn-canada.org/rw. Contact: el@acn-canada.org or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with the support of the Archdiocese of Toronto.





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