

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

ALL SOUL'S DAY - NOV. 2, 2025



Nov. 4th - Nov. 8th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Mark Williams Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Jae Sun Park Thurs. Noon - Mary D'Souza የ

Fri. 8:30 am - Helen & Manuel D'Souza & Sat. 4:30 pm - Doreen Wigglesworth &

READINGS FOR – Nov. 9th

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47.1-2, 8-9, 12 2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 3.9b-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2.13-22



FIRST FRIDAY November 7th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and 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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) November 2nd



"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

"The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned").

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even the difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." - St. Thérèse

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Give them eternal rest, O Lord ...".

Today's Gospel depicts the heart-rending scene of a widowed mother weeping over the body of her son. Even the supportive presence of her community cannot lighten her solitary grief.

This picture is tragically familiar to our modern eyes. The daily news repeatedly confronts us with photos of bereaved mothers and lifeless children around the globe – young lives cut short by war, disease, violence or addictions. These scenes seem to symbolize all that is broken in our world. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and to look away. Ever compassionate, Jesus never looked away from suffering people. Not only does he comfort the woman, he restores her son to her and her anguish is transformed into tears of joy.

The God of whom Jesus is the incarnation is characterized in today's other readings as a God who listens, who shows mercy, who protects and saves – culminating in the vision in Revelation of a new creation where death is no more.

Today as we remember those who have gone before us, we reflect on the many tragedies afflicting our world. May our loving God deepen our trust and sustain our hope that a new and better world is possible, and guide us in working together to realize that vision.



Through your compassion and generosity, we have rekindled the hope of many of our most vulnerable in the city. Thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife.

Thus far we have raised \$141,000.00 just shy of our goal of \$148,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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First Holy Communion May 31, 2026

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.



CWL DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

We need your help. The CWL would like to donate hand-knit/crochet hats to a

women's shelter for Christmas. If you can lend a helping hand, the patterns are available at the bulletin board. The hats will be collected at the end of November.





All Souls Day Mass Saturday November 8 02:00 PM

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum - 6933 Tomken Rd., Mississauga
- Christ the King Cemetery Reception Centre 7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham
- Holy Cross Holy Family Mausoleum 8361 Yonge Street, Thornhill
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian & English) 7300 Highway #27 Woodbridge
- Resurrection Cemetery Our Lady of the Assumption – 355 Taunton Rd., Whitby

ALL ARE WELCOME

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, a Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. 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



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