

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOV. 30, 2025



Dec. 2nd – Dec. 6th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Tak Hing Wong †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Michael Chung †

Thurs. Noon – Manuel & Helena D'Souza †

Fri. 8:30 am – Francis Kwong †

Sat. 4:30 pm – J.&S. Lee Family Sp. Int.

READINGS FOR – Dec. 7th

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12



CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 6th and 7th

Please join us in the hall for some delicious Christmas goodies. We would appreciate donations of baked goods too. Please drop off your baked goods after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th or before all Masses on Sunday, December 7th. Please list your ingredients for those who may have food allergies/gluten & dairy sensitivities. The proceeds are donated to the many charities the CWL supports. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS COLLECTION



FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting **grocery store gift cards** after each Mass until December 14th. For those who are not able to purchase gift cards your cash donation will be accepted. We kindly ask for \$25.00 denomination. As we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and need our assistance through the holidays. **Please place your cards or donation into the gift card basket at the back of the church that will be attended by a member of the Knights.** You can still donate gift cards even if you did not pick up a tag.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The first Sunday of Advent is the Church's way of announcing the beginning of a new liturgical year – and this Sunday the beginning of the three-year cycle of readings. Today's readings give us a recipe for how to "get it right," not just for ourselves but for the whole world.

The Season of Advent is a time of expectant preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.



FIRST FRIDAY December 5th

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.

PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR." Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre which provides food, clothing and shelter for many of Toronto's homeless men. Please help alleviate their suffering.





POINSETTIAS

Back by popular demand. Place your order on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Prepayment is not required. Last day for orders is December 3rd.

Your orders will be available for pick up on the weekend of December 13th and 14th after all Masses.

A lovely addition to your home or a perfect gift.

THE SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who donated to The Shepherd's Trust Collection. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our elderly and disabled priests providing them with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.



ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE Tuesday December 2nd 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

This quiet hour of peace-filled meditative prayer is a way to prepare our hearts for Advent and the Christmas season. After the prayer service we will socialize in the church hall.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 6 & 7



Your donation is appreciated as we prepare for the Christmas season.



MILK BAG COLLECTION

This past year, the milk bag collection for those in need, has been a huge success. Thank you for your support.

The ladies of the CWL are most grateful to all of our parishioners who so generously supported our Christmas Bazaar. It was very successful in so many ways but most especially that we had the opportunity to spend time together. All proceeds will go to charities that the CWL is actively involved with. We extend our blessings for a peaceful and joyous Christmas.



Gift of Securities

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

C.W.L. 2026 Youth Awards Program



The Catholic Women's League Youth Awards Program is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. For the education component of Catholic Women's League of Canada, the Annual Youth Awards Program continues to be a key educational based project across the Toronto Diocese. The program is comprised of the following four contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking - Gr. 7 & 8
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry - Gr. 7-12
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award - ages 15- 18
- St. Michael's College Scholarship - Gr. 12 (females only) due no later than May 31, 2026, send directly to Diocesan contact.

Good Shepherd Parish Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest will be held on January 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Please e-mail Contestant's Consent Form to catherine.ger@outlook.com no later than Friday, Jan. 09, 2026. Mary Donell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry and Jean McCann Youth Service Award contests' registration form, please e-mail to catherine.ger@outlook.com no later than February 13, 2026. For each contest package and further questions, please e-mail Catherine Ger at catherine.ger@outlook.com.

**May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in
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