

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

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JAN. 11, 2026



Jan. 13th – Jan. 17th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Marie-Claire Poirier †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Gary Szeto †

Thurs. Noon – Fernan Jose Gomez †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Gerald Murray †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Conor Kilp †

READINGS FOR – Jan. 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34



2026 MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit or call the office to book mass intentions for 2026. The donation for an announced Mass is \$20.00. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is printed in the bulletin and also mentioned at the start of the dedicated weekday Mass and during the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend. The donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Tax receipts are not issued for Mass offerings.



FIRST COMMUNION 2026

Gentle reminder that first Preparation Class is on

Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. for registered children receiving their First Communion.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

"The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan." — *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

To all our parishioners who gave so generously for Advent/ New Year donations, we thank you. We also acknowledge the extra work and time dedicated by our Counters. We appreciate all you do for Good Shepherd Parish.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2026

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. For the first month of using your new envelopes we ask that you CLEARLY

PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE NEW ENVELOPES. This helps us to make sure that your information is correct in the system. If you continue to use old envelopes, we cannot guarantee the donation will be properly processed as envelope numbers have changed over the year. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to do so, please complete a request form.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Jan. 17th/18th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2022. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.



JANUARY 17 AND 18

The Knights of Columbus invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



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 to 12
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award - ages 15 to 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 – 25 2026



The theme of the 2026 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* comes from the Letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph 4:4). This theme emphasizes the unity of Christians and the shared hope in Christ.



TAX RECEIPTS


Tax receipts for donations made in 2025 will be processed by the **end of February**. All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



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