

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JAN. 18, 2026



Jan. 20th – Jan. 24th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Joanne Lasita †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Therese Belliveau-Sonier †

Thurs. Noon - Castillo Family †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Jay Crowley †

READINGS FOR – Jan. 25th

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



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.

Your Parish Needs You!

As we begin a new year, there are many ways to share your time and talents at Good Shepherd Parish. Your involvement helps strengthen our parish community and bring Christ's love to others. Above all, becoming a volunteer allows you to answer God's call by using the gifts he has entrusted you with. If you feel called to serve as a parish volunteer and enjoy helping others, we'd love for you to get involved as a parish volunteer! If you are interested but do not know which ministry you are called towards, you can still reach out to us! Contact the Parish for assistance 905-881-1534.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

After last week's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we entered into the liturgical time that we call "Ordinary Time." (*Tempus per Annum*, or "Time of the Year" which has no particular focus, but encompasses the whole life of Christ.) On this **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. The narrator is the eye witness, John the Evangelist, who, before he was a disciple of Jesus was a disciple of the Baptist, together with his brother James, with Simon and Andrew, all are from Galilee, all are fisherman. So, John the Baptist sees Jesus, who steps forward from the crowd and, inspired from above, sees in Jesus the one sent by God. For this reason, he points him out with these words: "Behold the lamb of God, he who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the "revelation" of the Son of God – people realizing who this "Jesus of Nazareth" actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work.

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.

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.



CWL Youth Awards Program 2026

The CWL 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. These contests are good confidence builders for the students and an opportunity for them to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. The program is comprised of the following four contests:

- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry (Gr. 7 to 12)
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award (age 15 to 18)
- St. Michael's College Scholarship Gr. 12 (females only) due May 31, 2026 send directly to Diocesan contact.

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 any further enquiries, please reach parish contact **CATHERINE GER** at catherine.ger@outlook.com.

*May our Lady of Good Counsel guide
us in all that we do.*

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.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Thursday, January 22

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Zoom Presentation

In a world fractured by so much unrest, you are invited to attend a Ministry with Maturing Adults session on:

**"Finding Hope and Light in the
Darkness"**

To register email Viola at vathaide@rogers.com

DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, January 26, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Topic: EUCHARIST — CHURCH:

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Facilitator: Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ. A suggested offering of \$70 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.

REGISTER: <http://manresa-canada.ca>

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Good Shepherd Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners, and so we would like to encourage you to consider switching to pre-authorized giving for your Regular/ShareLife/Maintenance funds. Donations are withdrawn from your bank account monthly. No more writing cheques or looking for cash. The Parish receives regular dependable contributions and a reduction of paperwork. If you are currently enrolled in the pre-authorized giving, please consider an increase for 2026. Information and authorization forms are available at the bookshelf and behind the last pews. You may also complete your enrolment in the pre-authorized giving program through the Archdiocese of Toronto website.


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and he who abides in love
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and God abides in him.**



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