



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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**Pastor**  
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

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# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JAN. 25, 2026



Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Kevin D'Mello †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Raymond Reix †

Thurs. Noon - Vincent Cheung †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Richard & Phyllis Osborne †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Frank Flanagan †

## READINGS FOR – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corin. 1.26.31

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12



## 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.



## 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.

## Bulletin Advertising

If you own or operate a business, you are invited to advertise in our Parish Bulletin beginning 2026. It's an opportunity to promote your services while supporting parish initiatives. For more information, please email [goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org](mailto:goodshepherdth@archtoronto.org).

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.”*

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel, like the others, has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphtali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.





## CWL Youth Awards Program 2026

Please contact Catherine Ger at [catherine.ger@outlook.com](mailto:catherine.ger@outlook.com) to register/enquire for the Mary Dobell Essay Contest or the Jean McCann Youth Service Award. Registration forms must be received by February 13th, 2026.

- 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.

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



### 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.

<https://www.archtoronto.org>

### 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.

### THE GENEROSITY OF GOOD SHEPHERD PARISHIONERS

The Knights of Columbus annual Advent "Protein for the Poor" collected a total of \$2,261.55. The Brothers at the Good Shepherd Centre will certainly put this money to good use. The total number of casseroles donated in 2025 was 279 along with more than 800 lbs. of other food, which will provide thousands of meals for the less fortunate. Our annual Christmas Gifting Tree raised \$2,580.00 allowing us to help so many in our community to purchase needed groceries. Bottle and can collections have provided \$1,154 for purchasing wheelchairs. All of this plus your donations to clothing drives, disaster relief and second collections never fall short. God bless you all!



The Catholic Women's League is proud to announce the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest. The First Place Winner is Isabel Walles Morales. The Second Place Winner is Chloe Lui-Smith and the Third Place Winner is Joshua Luk. Isabel will represent Good Shepherd Parish at the Regional Level contest on March 7, 2026. Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!

### 17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**09:00 AM - 05:00 PM**

**Le TrePort Banquet Hall**

**1075 Queensway E, Mississauga**

Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman?

Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World; April Smith from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously; Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat; Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong Family

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass

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