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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

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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 01, 2026



Feb. 3rd – Feb. 7th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Mathew & Molly Augustine & Family – Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Royden Richards †

Thurs. Noon - Helena D'Souza †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Jean Luc Zufferey †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Desmond Clements †

READINGS FOR – Feb. 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10++

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16



FIRST FRIDAY

Feb. 6th

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will 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.



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.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Your reward is great in heaven.”

Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God – what we refer to as the “Sermon on the Mount.” This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes – the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God – the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

The first recipients of the Beatitudes are the ‘poor in spirit’, an expression that indicates those who have their hearts and consciences directed intimately to Our Lord. They are the expression of the just who are tried by moments of suffering and difficulties. However, they are called ‘blessed’ and ‘happy’ because God's merciful and compassionate gaze rests on them. These are the poor that the Bible text really refers to. The poor in the Bible are the humbled, the ‘anawim’, who bear a burden on their shoulders. They are given God's favor and because of this the Word identifies them as just, meek and humble. All kinds of attitudes are included in the eight beatitudes. This way the true significance of the ‘just poor’ is revealed; the ones who don't confide mainly in themselves but in God. The poor are those who detach themselves concretely and interiorly from the possession of persons and things and above all of themselves. The poor don't find security in the gods of this world like success, power or pride but the true Lord God in Heaven.

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.





CWL Youth Awards Program 2026

Please contact Catherine Ger at 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.



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

REGISTER HERE dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Feb. 7th/8th). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Feb. 14th/15th. 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.



WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (Feb. 7/8) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau

Sunday, February 8, 2026

02:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2026 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn how to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney and through proper Estate Trustee selection. Learn how to create your own legacy and learn about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link/WebFeb7
3. send an email to:

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