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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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 15, 2026



Feb. 17th – Feb. 21st

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †
Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Mary Rosa †
Wed. 7:00 p.m. – Sidney Chu †
Thurs. Noon - Vincent Cheung †
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Mark Williams †
Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Teresa Quigley †

READINGS FOR – Feb. 22nd

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25;3.1-7++

2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11



To make the pilgrimage of Lent is to follow an itinerary of conversion. Lent affords every baptized Christian the opportunity to re-enter the catechumenate, to undergo a

“second baptism,” and thus to meet once again the mysteries of God’s mercy and love. For members of the Catholic Church, the laws regarding abstinence and fasting are as follows:

- **Abstinence** from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 years of age and older.
- **Fasting** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth year. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Ash distribution at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

The Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow the path of Christ commencing this Friday at 7:00 pm.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“First be reconciled to your brother or sister.”

Back in the 60’s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Outward conformity to the law is insufficient. Jesus invites us to something more: a conversion of heart. The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behavior conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

True and loyal service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the ten commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us future gifts infinitely greater still. And just as our love for God is proved by our true love for our neighbor, so the last seven of the commandments impose on us obligations regarding our neighbor. It is only by fulfilling these seven that we can fulfill the first three which govern our relations with God.

This truth is expressed by our Lord in the words: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there . . . first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.





**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](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/17th-annual-dynamic-women-of-faith-conference-tickets-311107000007)

**Special Prayer Service for
Sick & Suffering**
Saturday, February 21, 2026
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

69 William Street Toronto, ON M9N 2G6

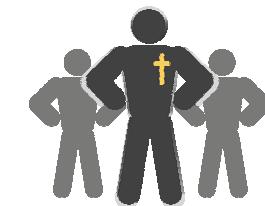
We invite you to come and join us at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto for our third Saturday service Special Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering for cancer patients/survivors and the terminally ill from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please spread the message with your friends, family members and to those in need of prayers. Prayer service led by Fr. Roni and Fr. Louis.



**The parish office
will be closed
on Monday
February 16th**

**Good Shepherd
Parish extends
heartfelt best
wishes for a
Happy New
Year to our
Asian
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**who are such an integral part of
our parish family. May this new
year be filled with happiness,
prosperity and many precious
moments with your loved ones.**



Men's Retreat

**MEN'S LENTEN
RETREAT
FEBRUARY 28
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite all men (18+) of the parish to a Men's Lenten Retreat to take place here at Good Shepherd Parish on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The retreat will be led by Father Eric Rodrigues of the Archdiocese of Toronto. In addition to being the pastor of Holy Name Parish, Father Eric teaches Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's seminary. There is no charge to attend and a light lunch will be served at the end of the retreat. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to council8340.info@gmail.com to confirm so that the organizers can ensure that there will be enough food.

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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