



# 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**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026



## March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Kevin D’Mello †  
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Phyllis Osborne †  
 Thurs. Noon - Agnes Godden †  
 Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Marlene Moscoso †  
 Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Carol Gonsalves †

## READINGS FOR – March 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17.3-7  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8  
 Gospel: John 4.5-42



## World Day of Prayer 2026 March 6 “I Will Give

### You Rest: Come” Matthew 11:28-30

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.



## FIRST FRIDAY March 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”*

Today’s Gospel is one of great mystery: the Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear next to Jesus, who himself is completely transfigured, radiating pure light. This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare.

Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass on of this life, we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom.

## The Stations of the Cross

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





*There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can*

*draw closer to God through prayer as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. As much as we consider something to abstain from during Lent, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?*



*Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies*

### **Through ShareLife, you bring hope to those who need it most.**

David is a senior who faced overwhelming loss and uncertainty. His wife passed away, his health declined, and he felt forgotten. But in his deepest sorrow, he found hope. When he turned to his pastor, he was guided to Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife where he was welcomed with open arms. Because of your kindness, David found the support he needed to heal, regain stability, and rediscover his sense of purpose.

Through ShareLife, you help over 40 Catholic agencies bring hope to those who need it most.

**The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).**



### **CWL General Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

The first CWL meeting of 2026 will be on March 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by a mini-Lenten retreat "Reflection on the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary through Scripture". All are welcome, light refreshments will be provided in the hall.



Gentle reminder to parishioners, the parish has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, e-books and even cartoons for children. You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
  - Enter our parish's postal code (L3T 4R6)
  - Enter your name and your email address
- That's it! You're in.

### **Lenten Prayers and Devotions**

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 37, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week. Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.





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



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