



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

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 8, 2026



March 10th – March 14th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Virginia Puscas †

Thurs. Noon - Libby Gomes †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Gerald Murray †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – †

READINGS FOR – March 15th

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41



The Stations of the Cross

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

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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.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I know that the Messiah is coming. I am He."

This gospel, about the Samaritan woman, is exceptionally rich. It is the tale of a woman who went out on a normal day's activity – to get some water from the well — and yet she found more than she ever expected. This woman found eternal life. In the same way, perhaps you have thought that today would be just a "normal" church day – but God may have something more in mind for you. Maybe this is the day that you, like the woman in this story, will find eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The well water drawn by the Samaritan woman becomes living water poured into her life through the meeting with Christ. The well became a sacred place for the Samaritan woman, where Jesus listened and encouraged her. This love-infused sacred grace transformed her, leading her to bring that grace to others.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

**Flower Collection for
Easter**

**March 14th and 15th
Masses**

**Donations will help
brighten up the church.**





**CWL General Meeting
March 16th
7:00 p.m.**

The first CWL meeting of 2026 will be on March 16th, 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.

MARCH 14 AND 15

The CWL invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



**GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES**

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on March 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.

**We Believe, A Musically Immersed
Passion Play**

**Friday, March 27, 2026
07:30 PM - 11:00 PM**

**St. Padre Pio Parish, 5500 Major Mackenzie
Drive**

In WE BELIEVE, our musically immersed Passion Play, we give life to the voices of those who were there and lived the story of the Passion of Christ - who kept the truth of his life, death and resurrection living on. These men and women had the strength and courage to keep telling His stories under extreme ridicule and persecution. Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection is the fulfillment of our salvation story and these faithful people were there to witness Christ's words, "It is finished!". These words would have truly spoken to the love and power of Jesus and they continue to speak today. With an adult cast, high quality production value and talented singers and musicians, this Passion Play is not to be missed. Choose from Friday, March 27 or Sunday, March 29, both at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Choose your seat and purchase online at <https://www.ticketor.com/stpadrepiochurch/>.

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.



**Annual Mass of
St. Patrick
Tuesday, March 17
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
St. Michael's**

Cathedral Basilica

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

**SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR
SICK & SUFFERING**

**Saturday, March 21 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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: a special Prayer Service for the Sick & Suffering for cancer patients/survivors and the terminally ill. Please spread the message with your friends, family members and to those in need of prayers. Prayer service led by Fr. Roni George and Fr. Arun Louis. For more information, please visit: <https://divineretreatcentretoronto.org/#/home/events>.



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