

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Apr. 12, 2026



Apr. 14th - Apr. 18th

Tuesday - Angelo Iacobelli †
Wednesday - Gerald Murray †
Thursday - Isabella Oliveira †
Friday - German & Elsy Miranda †
Saturday - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

READINGS FOR - April 19th

1st Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21
Gospel: Luke 24.13-35



Through ShareLife You Provide Safety to Those in Need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada—a land of freedom and peace—I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ." The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

The Word This Week

"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

Today, Jesus shows himself to the disciples for the first time since his resurrection. When Thomas, who was not there, is told they have seen the Lord, he doubts. However, eight days later Jesus reappears to the disciples and singles Thomas out, inviting him to believe. Thomas responds in awe: "My Lord and my God!" Scripture teaches that faith is our response to God. Jesus personally invites each of us to believe, as he did with Thomas. Faith is saying yes!

At the Ascension, the disciples were commissioned to go out and preach the gospel to all nations, even though they had abandoned and denied Jesus only weeks before. In today's reading from Acts, we seem them zealously proclaim the gospel and suffer willingly for their faith in Jesus. They show us that faith is followed by surrendering our lives to Jesus. This is the "obedience of faith," where we commit our whole self freely to God, putting Jesus at the centre of our lives.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Are you a doubter

among believers or a believer who doubts? Today is Divine Mercy. Yes, lean on those whose faith can carry you through. But pray for the grace to overcome doubts. The Lord is inviting you to trust him – in all and with all. Believe!



CWL FUNDRAISER



The CWL is pleased to announce that they will be taking orders for MacGregors meats again this year. Their products are of excellent quality and come highly recommended. The ladies of the CWL will be at the back of the church on April 11/12 and 18/19 with the order forms for you to complete and to answer any questions you may have. Order forms must be returned by April 25th. Delivery date is May 11th in the church parking lot.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Italian Cuisine Night Monday April 20th

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow members. The evening will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. An excellent Italian meal follows featuring Lasagna, Salads, Dessert, Wine, Tea/Coffee for the bargain price of \$25.00. Tickets will be available after all Masses on April 11/12 and 18/19. Please note: Only thirty-five (35) tickets will be sold.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan to assist you in your support of the work of Good Shepherd Parish through your regular parish offerings (**this does not include special collections**). The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and responsibilities, the Archdiocese of Toronto seeks, through pre-authorized giving, to assist you in your giving. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



April 18/19 After All Masses
The Legion of Mary invites you to join your fellow parishioners in the Church Hall - delicious coffee and great conversation await.

We look forward to seeing you there!

BOOK BARROW



The Legion of Mary's Book Barrow will run after all Masses April 25/26. This is your opportunity to borrow faith-filled and inspiring books.



CWL's Diaper Drive

Thank you for your generous support of the Rose of Sharon Diaper Drive. The CWL delivered over \$2,700.00 worth of diapers and formula. The staff were so thankful and overwhelmed to receive these donations, especially the larger sized diapers. We are blessed to have such an amazing and generous parish!

CASSEROLE COLLECTION



Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on next weekend. 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.



Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Catherine Ger and the Decorating Committee for all their dedication and hard work keeping the church perfectly decorated.






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