

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 3, 2026



May 5th – May 9th

Tuesday - Gerald Murray †

Wednesday -

Thursday - Pierette & Jean St. Arnaud Family †

Friday - Joanne Lasita †

Saturday - Winston & Christina Ferguson †

READINGS FOR – May 10th

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21



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THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During this month, we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

“We ask Mary, our Mother, to help us pray with a humble heart.”

(Pope Francis)

The Word This Week

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about ‘who Jesus is’, with another ‘I am’ statement: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. We are baptized into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a ‘spiritual house’ with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptized in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today’s reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this ‘spiritual house’, the Church, as we journey to the Father.

The most effective means of acquiring true Christian spirituality is through participation in the Mass. We must renounce our personal, human, egotistical spirit, and rid ourselves of all that is worldly and transient. For this reason, we receive the Holy Eucharist, which is the spiritualized and glorified flesh and blood of the Lord, who pours forth the wealth and the riches of the Holy Spirit upon us. He assures us that he will come again to take us to himself, comforting us as we need only remember that Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life.

TWELVE HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



A gentle reminder to all CWL ladies who committed one hour of prayer for palliative care on May 4th. Thank you for your compassion and time.



**PENTECOST TAIZE
PRAYER SERVICE
Tuesday May 19th
7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to a Taize Prayer Service and Social in anticipation of Pentecost. It will be great to pray together, and then enjoy fellowship in the hall later.

**Help Not Harm: Take Action to
Support Bill C-218**

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. We have a free *estate planning guide* to help you make your plan. Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the *correct legal names* when arranging bequests or other legacy gifts.

**Bundle Up
For the Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul!**

**May 30th 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
May 31st 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save used clothing, shoes and linens in any condition that you would like to donate. Please check out the bulletin board for more information.



Delivery date May 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring your own bags.

**Ministry with Maturing
Adults**



**MINI MORNING RETREAT AT
MANRESA**

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON

Thursday June 18th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

**“GOD IS SPEAKING, ARE WE
LISTENING”**

Morning Schedule:

- 9:00 Register, Mix and Mingle
- 9:30 Welcome and Music in the Chapel
- 9:35 Topic Reflection
- 10:30 Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Time to wander the grounds – Labyrinth, Rosary Lane
- 11:30 Mass and Homily - Fr. Henk van Meijel
- 12:00 Depart. You can stay longer for private prayer and reflection

Come and rest awhile in silence with Jesus

Registration Required: Viola Athaide
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