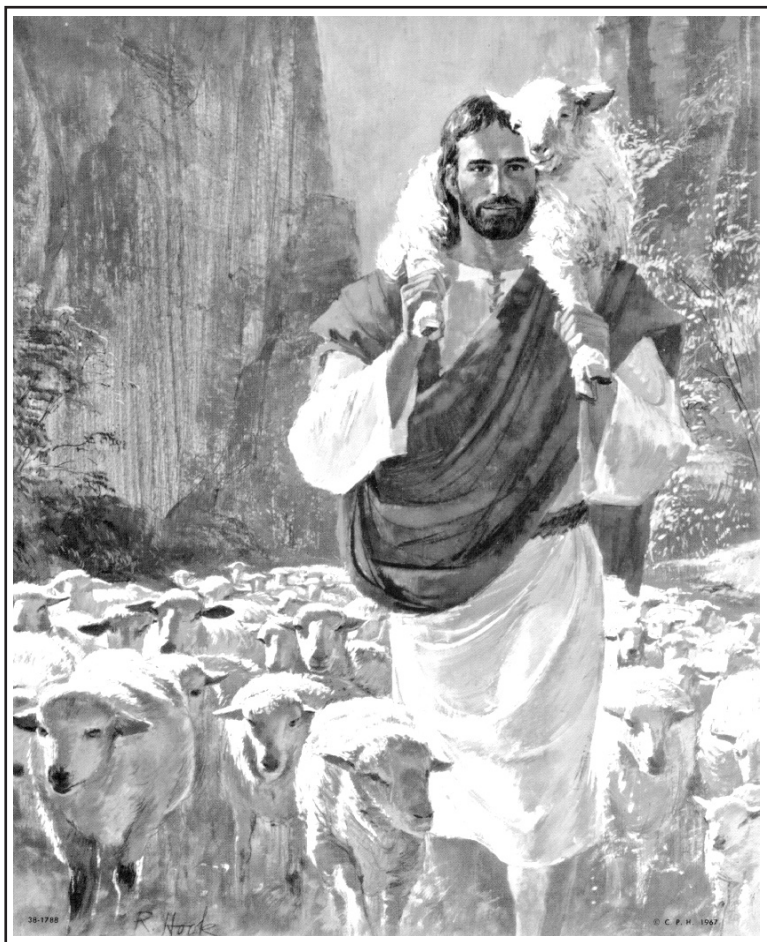




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Celebration of The Eucharist

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

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or www.ycdsb.ca

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 04, 2026



Oct. 6th – Oct. 10th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – In Thanksgiving

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Natale Mastroianni †

Thurs. Noon - Stephen Cheung †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Yolanda Reyes †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 11th

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading: Philip. 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14



First Holy Communion June 6, 2027

Good Shepherd Parish welcomes parents to register children in Grade 2 or older who are ready to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion. Registration will start October 3rd. Course information and registration forms are available through the parish office. Registration requirements include:

- the completed registration form
- photocopy of Baptism Certificate
- \$50 payment (cash or cheque written out to Good Shepherd) for course material.

Deadline for registration is Dec. 5th, 2026

2027 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Registration and Information forms are available at Good Shepherd for pick up.



Confirmation Candidates and parents are asked to attend meeting on October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring Registration Form, Baptismal Certificate and payment (\$80.00 cash/cheque payable to Good Shepherd Parish) to the meeting. Class dates and times to be announced. For info call the office at 905-881-1534.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people that produce the fruits of the kingdom."

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So, the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So, it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending them and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, a beautiful prayer through which we meditate on the life of Jesus with Mary. We encourage everyone to take time during this special month to pray the

Rosary and seek Mary's loving intercession for our families, our parish community and the whole world.



The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is pleased to announce that we are resuming our collection of clean, dry outer milk bags. If you purchase milk in 4-litre bags, please save the outer plastic bag, and place it in the collection bin at the back of the church. Every bag collected helps us create a durable mat. Your donation helps us turn something that might otherwise be discarded into something that can provide comfort and support to those in need in our own community, throughout the Toronto area, and around the world. Thank you for your support!



CWL's Thanksgiving Soap and Salt Drive

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated last weekend. We received an abundance of items donated to Canadian Feed the Children Foundation. God Bless you all for making a difference for so many!



Share your Blessings this Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, but right now families are struggling to put enough food on the table. Will you share your blessings by making a contribution to our parish's ShareLife Campaign. Please give with love at sharelife.org/donate or our parish with a ShareLife envelope.

Thank you for living the Gospel.



COFFEE WEEKEND OCTOBER 17/18

The Legion of Mary 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.

Pre-Planning Seminar Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home

211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

Saturday October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

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- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Our parish is a family, and every family thrives when each member shares their gifts. God has blessed each of us with unique talents – whether it's music, teaching, reading or serving at the altar. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help build up our community: as musician, usher, counter, lector, altar server or another way that reflects your gifts. Your time and talents are just as important as your continued financial support and together, we can continue to grow as a vibrant, faith-filled parish.



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Oct. 10&11). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) to pick up pans. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

Next weekend (Oct. 10&11) the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles which are being redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.





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