



Thanksgiving

Be joyful always
Pray continually
Give thanks for everything.

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

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 11, 2026



Oct. 13th – Oct. 17th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. –

Wed. 8:30 a.m. –

Thurs. Noon - Fernan Gomes †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - D'Souza Family - Thanksgiving

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Ernest Bridges †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalon. 1.1-5ab

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21



**World Mission
Sunday
October 18**

There will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses.

We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have

bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching

Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Many are called, but few are chosen.”

Our readings this Sunday speak a consistent message of the richness of God's providence for us and the extravagant generosity of his plans for our eternal future. Yet there is a sobering caution of the consequences of not doing our part.

The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are Baptized, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life. What is this necessary part for us to do? Clearly, it is not enough to simply show up. "I went to Mass every Sunday" won't get us entry to the eternal banquet in heaven. Perhaps the garment that Jesus speaks of is our act of complete surrender, our utter abandonment in obedience to all that God would do in us through us and for us.

Even in this we are dependent on God: I cannot find sufficient goodness or strength within myself to accomplish this obedient surrender once and for all, but must rely on God's gifts to me. Praise God for his grace and persistent love.



Thank you to Catherine Ger and the members of our Decorating Committee for the beautiful autumn and Thanksgiving decorations in our church.

The ladies of the CWL are so grateful not only to all who baked or donated delicious goodies to our Fall Bake Sale, but to everyone who purchased them. All proceeds will be given to the charities we support. Happy Thanksgiving!



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. 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.



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.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casserole trays will be collected after each Mass next weekend (Oct. 17&18). Heartfelt thanks to those who faithfully support this program.



CWL Invitation to all Parishioners Monday Oct 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker will share his experience of travelling through Canada's Northwest Passage with a focus on the troubling history of the community of Grise Fiord in Northern Nunavut. This will be an eye-opening part of our history which will stay with you long after his presentation. All are welcome to join us! Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office to confirm attendance.

Catholic Women's League 2027 Membership Renewal October 17 & 18

We are extending an invitation to all the women of the Parish, who would either like to join the CWL or who wish to renew their membership for next year, to sign up on the weekend of October 24th & 25th. Kindly give your envelope in at the 'sign up table' in the foyer after all the Masses. You may use the blue envelope found in your box of Offertory Envelopes, "CWL Annual Membership" or a plain envelope. **Please provide your contact information on the front of the envelope and enclose the renewal fee of \$40, to be paid by cash or cheque.** Please make the cheque payable to: The Catholic Women's League-Good Shepherd Parish. The CWL helps us to grow in our Faith, serve those less fortunate and support Social Justice.



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

The office of Admissions is now considering applications for September 2027. St. Michael's College is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please register at applySMCS.com. St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

**The office will be closed
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