

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

August 1st & 2nd - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8th & 9th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday 10:00 am

(1st Wednesday of the month
- Anointing of the Sick)

Thursday (followed by the Rosary) 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

St. Ambroise Parish

1st Sunday of the Month 1:00 pm

Lions Prairie Manor

1st Thursday of the Month 10:30 am

Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month 10:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange baptismal classes, preparation and to set a date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married in the church, should contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

On hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus was deeply upset and in need of finding a quiet place where he could share his grief with the apostles. However, when he stepped ashore there were thousands waiting to reach out and touch him and they were not disappointed. He began teaching and nourishing them in mind and heart and finally towards evening, when they had been without food for a long time, he satisfied their hunger by working the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It was clearly a miraculous event, a marvelous happening and a pointer to the fact that God, who creates the world, provides us with food and takes care of our every need. The crowd returned to their homes satisfied and spiritually refreshed from the time spent in the company of Jesus.

The little the disciples had, five loaves and two fish, when placed in the hands of Jesus turned out to be more than enough for all. The five loaves and two fishes are symbols of the power for goodness which we all possess. In our own eyes it may seem of little account but it is what the Lord has given us and expects us to use in his service. The gift may be your ability to be a good neighbor, a caring listener to a sorrowing widow or a willing member of a parish organization. In whatever way we minister to the needs of others, we show forth the compassion of Christ and extend his friendship. Jesus sets before everyone the task of communicating his love through the qualities they possess.

When we gather around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist, by our presence we make an offering of self and show that with the rest of the church we accept the challenge of Jesus to do what we can for the good of others. On their own our efforts may seem small and insignificant but when placed in God's hands and fitted into his plans, they become part of the great saving mission of the church and give a deeper meaning to our lives. The Lord not only invites us here to be nourished at his table but sends us forth to give as we have received, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE PARTY



For the months of **July & August**, we will be taking a break from Coffee party and resume again in September.



Summer Office Hours

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office will be going to reduced hours for the months of **July and August**. Hours will be from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday**. Our parish bulletin will continue to be published every two weekends.



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

If any parishioner wishes to have the bulletin emailed to them, please either call the office or send us an email.



Welcome Father Marcelino Bandico to the Parish of The Good Shepherd. We look forward to getting to know you personally and spiritually and we are excited to have you lead us into a deeper knowledge of our faith as our local shepherd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Sun	1 Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm
Sun	2 Mass at St.Ambroise	Cancelled
Sun	9 Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Thurs	13 Syro Malabar Mass & Tea Party	4:00 pm



POPE'S Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Caiden Hinaggis** who was baptized, in our parish community. May God grant him, his parents, family and godparents many blessings! *"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are."* — 1 John 3:1

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Nilda Cronk, Brett Matheson-Maytwayashing** and **Joyce McIvor**. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

FUNERAL LUNCH HELP - We are looking for helpers to either do baking for funerals or assist in making sandwiches the day of the funerals. If you are interested in being put on either list, please call the office to give us your contact details. Thank-you!

CATECHISM

As I prepare for fall and the new catechism year, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Fraser for serving as catechist in our parish over the past 8 years. Your gentleness has helped many children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd. Marilyn has decided it is time to pass the torch on to someone new.

That means that we are in great need of catechists and assistants to serve in this ministry. It is a great gift to journey with children and help them come to know the love of the Good Shepherd and grow in their relationship with Him.

If you feel called to help in this ministry and to get more information, please contact me, Monique Lubkiwski, catechism coordinator at 204-856-1176 or email: qlubqski@gmail.com

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 18th & 19th	\$ 1,965.35
July 25th & 26th	\$ 2,002.30
August 1st Auto Debit	\$ 3,490.00

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to July 31st	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 7,526.00	- \$ 14,893.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



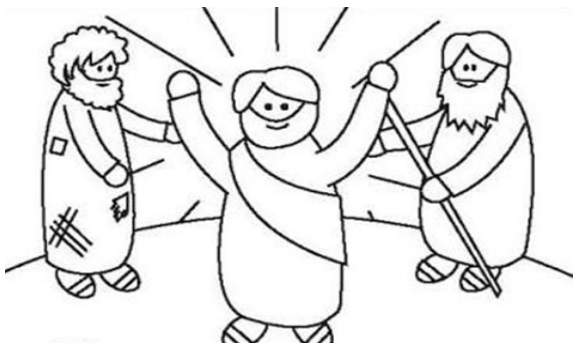
Year-to-date	\$ 3,402.30
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Thursday, August 6th

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

What happened when Peter, James and John went up the mountain with Jesus? It is no surprise that Peter wanted to pitch a tent and remain in that holy experience. But Peter may have missed the point. The transfiguration experience with Jesus was fleeting: it was not a state that Peter, James and John would remain in. Eventually they would have to come down from the mountain and return to ordinary life – and they would not be the same, but changed. They will return to the lowlands, with a knowledge that will be shared, so that it will transfigure all those they meet.

I wonder how our world might change, if, when we have those perfect experiences of peace and serenity, (such as a holiday) we regard them as a calling to bring that experience back to daily life.



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Together
IN MISSION
OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION



Please Note: The Archdiocese Annual Appeal currently called **Sharing God's Gifts (SGG)** is being rebranded to **Together in Mission (TIM)** as of September 1st, 2026. Further information on Together in Mission will be shared in the coming weeks.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation, also known as confession, is one of the principal means of our mutual sanctification, (priests and fellow Catholics). Here is a practical consideration for priests and the faithful regarding sanctity and confession.

Fellow Catholics: you can help yourself and your priest grow in holiness by following a few practical suggestion for confession. Go regularly. Be honest and concise. Confession rarely requires lengthy counselling and never during regular confession times. A brief monthly confession, in which you simply and sincerely state your sins, is most beneficial in the long run.

Let us all remember that Jesus gave us the sacrament of reconciliation to help us become holy - each according to our vocation. Absolution, the act that concludes confession, is a supernatural gift of God's forgiveness, effected through the priest's ministry as an instrument of Christ's reconciling power. By promoting and making good use of this sacrament, we can help one another grow in holiness.

Rejoice in God's infinite mercy and go to confession.

Except from Living with Christ - June 2026

Written by Fr. Jim Zettel, Priest from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please place donation of \$10.00/Mass Intention in the offertory collection basket clearly marked “**Mass Intention**”

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 1st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Robert Dionne by Norbert & Donna Rey & Family
Sunday, August 2nd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	♥ Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Albert & Helen Roth by Bernadette & Kevin Le Lievre
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	Cancelled
Wednesday, August 5th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Debbie Lane by Mona Harper
Thursday, August 6th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
Friday, August 7th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	Funeral Mass for ✠ Gerald Masson
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 8th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	♡ Blessings for Jesse & Anna on their Wedding by Laura Kohut
Sunday, August 9th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Abli Moran by Marlene Wollbaum & Family
Wednesday, August 12th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Barry Glanville by the Dion Family
Thursday, August 13th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Bob Dionne by Irene Souque Hewitt
Friday, August 14th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Rene Phillipot by Friends
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 15th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Florence Zettler by Barbara J. Jardine
Sunday, August 16th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Happy Birthday Ahaana Sajan & Janvi Sajan

Please Note: Masses at Douglas Campbell Lodge and Lions Prairie Manor **will be suspended for the month of August** while Father Marcelino settles in as our New Pastor.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 1st Wednesday, of every month, (August 5th) during Mass (10:00 am), there will be anointing of the sick. The Sacrament can bring comfort and peace to many. All parishioners, whether one desires anointing or not, are invited to come and pray as a community for those receiving this Sacrament.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **August** we are collecting:



**Peanut Butter
& Jam**



Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri