

# St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M. Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.  
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

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## The Ascension of the Lord



**The Ascension** points to the purpose and goal of life here on earth and gives us a glimpse of the destiny that awaits us. It is the final assurance that there is a reason for our journeying and a meaning to our living. In ascending to the heights of glory, Christ conquered suffering and death. His changing of the darkness of death into the dawn of new life gives us this gift of final hope as an anchor for our lives. As members of God's household, our hearts thirst for a home, which cannot be found here on earth. Deep within us, there is a yearning for fulfillment, a longing for the fullness of life, which prompts us to live in this passing

world with our hearts set on a world that will never end. Our homeland is heaven. Eternity is our goal. Where Christ has gone, we hope one day to follow.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of <b>Pam McLennan</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Tom Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Rajpat &amp; Rookmin Teresa Kawall</b> Soul of <b>Lai Lun Ma</b> Soul of <b>Carl Mark D'Souza</b> Soul of <b>Frank O'Grady</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Rosard Fernandes</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Peter Smith</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Kenneth Pereira</b>

### *Please pray for the sick in our community.*

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes, Ed Tan, Carl Rampersad, Elizabeth Liversidge, and Fra. Michael G-Mariam**

### Through Him, With Him and In Him

Like many parents my wife and I encourage our children to be more concerned in life with effort than results. We reflect with them how results are often subjective and arbitrary, whereas effort is measurable and controlable. Either you put the time in or you do not and in the end if you work hard, success naturally follows.

A quote I recently read by St. Francis Xavier is causing me to rethink this theory. The quote says that: "It is not the actual physical exertion that counts toward a person's progress, nor the nature of the task, but the spirit with which it is undertaken." I find this quote fascinating.

Instead of using effort or results as a measure of success it instead focuses on the spirit with which the task is undertaken. This makes perfect sense as if the spirit with which we undertake something is not for the glory of God it is of no value regardless how much success is attained. In fact, any success attained if it is not attributed to God given talents and grace can lead to pride which is the polar opposite of success and the most dangerous of all sins.

Success from a spiritual and worldly perspective looks very different. From the worldly perspective, success consists of achievements, wealth, and power whereas success from a spiritual perspective consists of mystical union with our divine Creator and neighbour as One Body in Christ.

As Christians, it is often a challenge to balance our internal desires for both worldly and spiritual success. We are of the world and to cut ourselves completely off from pursuing worldly success would be extremely difficult but, in the end, it is always important to keep in mind that only spiritual success really matters.

No matter how much worldly success we have, it doesn't matter to the God who created us. God's invites us to live our lives through, with and in the Holy Spirit as opposed to doing things 'Our way' as Sinatra once sang in imitation of Adam and Eve.

It isn't easy to approach the tasks in our lives through the lens of the Holy Spirit and this is why Matthew encourages us to: 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.'

Each morning then let us wake and ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit upon us that we may approach each task of our day in union together. Not worrying too much about what we are doing or how well we are doing but instead living as suggested by Hildegard of Bingen as 'a feather on the breath of God.'

John Humphries.

May 12, 2024

**CWL ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**

This weekend after all masses  
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**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL**  
**Bundle Up Weekend**  
**This weekend!**

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the NW corner of the church parking lot this weekend. Thank you for your generous donations and supporting the needy in our community!

**TOTUS TUUS is coming in July!**

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") this summer from July 7-12. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games!

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Krishna at (647) 783 0876 (no SMS, only WhatsApp)

OR [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org)

**REGISTER:** <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>

More information about the program is also available at [www.totustuustoronto.ca](http://www.totustuustoronto.ca).

We look forward to seeing you there!

**A Prayer for Mothers**

Good and gracious God, creator of all good things in the universe, your Son, Jesus Christ, loved his Mother and modeled for us how we should love our mothers.

Bless all women in our lives who model for us the love of a mother.

Protect them and encourage them to love as you have loved us.

Bless and protect those men in families who have no female partners and give them courage and strength to love their children in the absence of a mother.

We ask this in your name. Amen



**BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT**

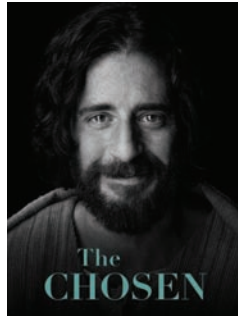
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Members of the Blessed Trinity Lay Carmelite Community will be at the parish on Tuesday evening, May 14, 2024 for the enrollment of brown scapulars and booklets. The brown scapular is a reminder and an external sign of the relationship between Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the faithful who, like Our Lady, pledges allegiance to Jesus. The enrollment will take place at the 7 PM Mass. All are welcome.

For more information, join us at the Community Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:30 am in St. Luke's Parish lounge, or contact: Bernardine Cheung at [bernardine@laycarmelites.ca](mailto:bernardine@laycarmelites.ca)



**THE CHOSEN**  
**Watch-Discuss-Encounter**

Join us as we WATCH, DISCUSS, & ENCOUNTER Jesus and his followers through **The Chosen - Season 1**

Date: Every Tuesday from May 14 to July 2

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Parish Hall

**REGISTER NOW** on the Parish Website

**QUESTIONS?** [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org) or [john.humphries@rogers.com](mailto:john.humphries@rogers.com)

**"PEACE IS A SONG WE SHARE"**

An evening of Jewish and Christian song and a celebratory launch of Dr. Murray Watson's book that builds upon the work of interfaith pioneer André Chouraqui.

Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Temple Har Zion

7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill

Featuring: Dr. Murray Watson and the choirs of Temple Har Zion and Thornhill Christian churches.

Refreshments to follow.

**Pre-registration for this free event is required.**

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