

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.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name Phone.....

Address Postal Code.....

Children & Dates of Births:

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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



On **Pentecost**, the disciples were gathered in the upper room, afraid to go out and do what Jesus had told them. We are not alone when we feel unsure of how to witness to God’s great love. God sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, sending them out to speak all different languages, to encounter all kinds of people, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Unfortunately, we sometimes forget that the good news is for everyone, and we get trapped in racism, political ideologies, and unjust discriminations. That is not the life God desires for us. The Spirit is sent to bring us peace and lead us to truth. We do not need to be afraid of the Spirit at work among us in different ways: different languages and customs, cultural traditions and family rituals. As each of us receives the Spirit and is sent forth, let us remember that we are called together and that our differences make it possible for us to reach more people with life and love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessica Lee Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Eugene Peñoso & Edgardo Peñoso Sr. Soul of Frank Zerucelli Soul of Peter Chiodo
Wednesday	Intentions of Norito Reyes
Thursday	Soul of Mimi Borromeo
Friday	Soul of Anna Kok Mee Chin

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, Fra. Michael G-Mariam and Betty Lea**

The Gift of the Holy Spirit-Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. One question that usually comes up is, “How do we recognize the presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit?” Richard Hauser, S.J. in his article “*Finding God in Daily Life: The Heart of Ignatian Spirituality*” states that recognizing the presence of the Spirit is connected to our inner experiences, to our quality of heart. We know that external actions can be performed with little or no love and hence cannot be in themselves accurate indications of the presence of the Spirit. The question then becomes which of our inner experiences—imagination, thinking, desiring, feeling—become the best criteria for discernment? The desire to love arising within us is the basic criterion for recognizing the transformation of our inner experience by the Holy Spirit. The theological reasoning behind this truth is simple: We can make no movement toward good, toward God or others in love, by our own initiative; since the desire to love and serve God and others is definitely a movement toward good, it cannot come from our initiative; therefore it must come from the Spirit—“without me you can do nothing!”

Desire is a more reliable criterion for recognizing the Spirit than feelings or even inner peace. We know how ephemeral feelings are. We may wake up sick one morning and not feel like serving God and others. But we can still desire to serve—*feelings come and go but desire remains. And desire is even a more reliable criterion than inner peace.*(my emphasis)

We may be experiencing a period in life dominated by sadness from troubled relationships or discouragement from failure in work. Our habitual inner peace may be lacking, yet we still “hang on” to the desire to love and serve. When this inner peace is absent and we still desire to serve the Lord, it is comforting to realize that we are indeed responding to the Spirit. It should be noted, however, that normally inner peace will accompany our desire to serve; Paul reminds us that “the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal. 5:23). Service is also central.

The two great commandments of love given by Jesus center on service; we prove our love for God by loving our neighbor. It asks us to move through life regarding our neighbor’s need as primary. Since this desire is situated in the will, it need not necessarily be accompanied by feelings of affection. We are commanded to love everyone irrespective of personal feelings— even our enemies! For our love is to be like God’s whose care and concern are universal. (Adapted) Richard Hauser’s article originally appeared in Creighton University Window magazine, Winter 1995-96, 20–25
Let us pray, “Come Holy Spirit, Come”

TOTUS TUUS

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 our Youth Minister Krishna at (647) 783 0876 (no SMS, only WhatsApp) OR kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org **REGISTER:** <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym> More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca.

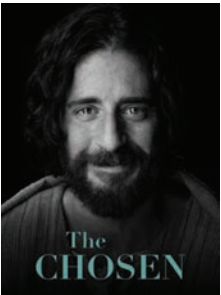
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For more information, join us at the Community Meeting: 1st Saturday of the month at 9:30 am in St. Luke's Parish lounge, or contact: Bernardine Cheung at bernardine@laycarmelites.ca



THE CHOSEN
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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 or john.humphries@rogers.com



Thank you to everyone who donated gently used items that helped fill another trailer to support our spring **St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday**. We will have another trailer here the weekend of October 5 & 6th. Mark your calendars!

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3. send an email to:

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Good Shepherd casseroles/lasagnas are due at the parish Sunday, May 26th for pickup Monday morning. Thank you!

CELEBRATE MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!



The **Catholic Women's League** General Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 22nd in the parish hall beginning at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

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