



In this week's Gospel reading the Lord is speaking to us with a sense of urgency; He knows how easy it is for us to fall asleep. Did not His disciples fall asleep while He was in agony in the garden of Gethsemane?

The lord knows that our enemy is ready to snare us at our weakest moments, when we are exhausted through challenges of every nature. None the less the lord says we all assigned specific duties and we are under a special command to stay alert. We fall asleep when fear controls our life, when hope give way to despair, when busyness is equated with goodness, when entitlement replaces thanksgiving, when we choose what is comfortable rather than life-giving.

Darkness is not about the light around us but the light that is within us, a light that can never be extinguished – CHRIST. To show up and be present in the darkness of life is some of the hardest work we will ever do. Run from our darkness and we run from God.

A life alert and awake, a life of prayer and service, answered while we wait by The Holy Spirit, His Fruit – God's Presence.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Nellie Parker
Tuesday	Souls of Mary Leung, Bernard Hannan, Carol Munro and For the Intention of St. Luke's Eucharist Minister's and John Lee
Wednesday	Soul of Leticia Villacorta
Thursday	Soul of Margaret Wong
Friday	Soul of Antonio Carvalho

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the parish will be celebrated on:

Thursday – December 7th 6:30-7:30 p.m.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

This year throughout Advent there will be two Christmas trees placed in the narthex with only Christmas lights on them. Families are encouraged to create their own family ornaments with their names on them and place them on the trees. It will be a nice symbol of our community being one in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. If you have any questions please contact John Humphries at john.humphries@rogers.com.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

Special envelopes marked Christmas Basket Program will be available in the Narthex. Please place your donations the envelope and drop it into the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box. The funds will be used to purchase gift cards, and distributed according to the size of the family.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please make cheques out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you have any questions, please call Natalie at ext. 235.

PRAY THE ROSARY REMINDER

Come, Pray Our Blessed Mother's Rosary for World Peace every Sunday morning beginning at 8:15. Remember Prayers can't be answered unless they are Prayed.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250



CHOIR CONCERT Saturday, Dec. 09 - 7:30 P.M.

Once again, in our sanctuary, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season like only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The program will be devotional and joyful and will include opportunities for you to sing along with the favourite carols we associate with this beautiful time of year. Some of our excellent musicians will be featured as they grace us with their individual solos pieces. There is no charge to come and there will be a free will offering basket, if you wish to contribute, with all proceeds going to the needs of the parish. A lovely social time with light refreshments will follow. Wishing you Our Lord's very best in this season of great celebration!

THANK YOU

RIGHT TO LIFE SUPPORTERS

Thanks for supporting Right to Life education by buying Christmas cards and your generous donations.



Fr. John Carten is celebrating a milestone birthday and Fr. Mark's is also celebrating birthday on December 17th. There will be cake and coffee after all the Sunday mass. Please come and give your good wishes to both Fr. Mark and Fr. John Carten.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Now is the time to start planning for your New Year's Eve celebration! We are continuing our tradition of having a high class served dinner and dance for a very affordable price. The evening begins with arrival at 7:00 and hors d'oeuvres served while you are settling in and socializing with your family and parish friends. Then at 8:00 you will be served at your table your choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken with all the trimmings. Dancing follows to the music of the DJ Greg Benoit so bring your requests! Champagne and party favours are included in your ticket. There will be door prizes and a bar to purchase your drinks of choice. Tickets will be on sale next weekend so reserve your table early. The whole family is invited! Prices are: Adults \$45 Seniors \$30 Children 11 and under \$20. For further information contact Greg at greg.benoit@rogers.com or at 647-296-6851.

ITEMS NEEDED BY REFUGEE FAMILY

Our Refugee family is doing very well and grateful to St. Luke parishioners for all they have done. There are a few items they still need.

- 1 small apartment size freezer
- 1 large 16 quart stockpot
- 1 bundle buggy (to carry groceries)

Please let Natalie at ext. 235 know if you are able to help out with these items.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

To help nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, we ask for the support of every member of our Catholic community. Please verify that your tax support is directed to the English-Language Separate District Board. Call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722, or visit www.mpac.ca If needed you may get an Application for direction of School Support by calling the York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office at 905713-2711, or visiting www.ycdsb.ca



St. Vincent de Paul **Christmas Food Drive** ***December 2/3***

Give Christmas cheer to the needy by bringing donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, baby food, etc.) or **new** toys to the church this weekend December 2/3. Your contributions support the Georgina Food Bank.

Last Christmas, thanks to St. Luke's generous parishioners, the Georgina food bank was able to help hundreds of families.

1st Sunday of Advent
