

Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

The Beatitudes, those memorable sayings of Jesus, show how sharp the contrast is between the common perceptions of what it means to be happy and what true happiness is. We are familiar with the saying that God's ways are not our ways and the beatitudes give us a glimpse of the way God looks at things. They are a strong statement that his view of success and failure, joy and sorrow, want and plenty is different from ours. By presenting us with a bigger picture and broader horizon of life, they make us realize that what we possess in this world is of fleeting significance and something that will pass away.

The essence of the Christian message is that Jesus sees things differently than we do and his values stand in sharp contrast as to what the world holds important. Holiness and wealth do not fit comfortably side by side. Human success and power count for nothing in God's eyes. What Jesus proposes is that we live by gospel values and not by our own natural impulses. The reward is an inner joy that no one can take away.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Joan Lookhong
Tuesday	Soul of Nora Garvin Soul of Patricia O'Neill Soul of Patrick Power Soul of Humildad (Hilda) Dizon Intentions of the Leo Jung Family
Wednesday	Intentions of Richard Farrell
Thursday	Soul of Gina Sorio
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

The Challenge of Passing on the Faith

One common challenge faced by all Catholics is passing on the faith. There is no perfect method but Catholic Teaching does have three things to say-- Christian education is: 1) more witnessed to than taught 2) more occasional than systematic and 3) more ongoing than structured.

Firstly, Christian education is more witnessed to than taught. When we reflect back on what we learned growing up we rarely remember the subjects but we do remember the people that had an impact on us. It was their actions more than their words that impacted us.

As we witness to our children it is important to be genuine and not project onto them how the perfect Christian should be. If they are tired and don't feel like going to Mass on a Sunday morning we should share with them that at times we feel the same way but there is something at work during Mass greater than ourselves and inspire them to discover what that is.

The second point is that passing on the faith is more occasional than systematic. If we sit down with our children and pound through the teachings of the faith at the dinner table night after night the faith is going to seem dogmatic and a burden. Faith is supposed to set us free from bondage and slavery so it should be shared as God's grace gives us the opportunities to do so.

Two such examples are in response to the passing of a family member or a family challenge. It is during life events such that we can personally exhibit how the faith helps us get through such difficulties. Sharing with our children what the Church has to say on death can give them hope at a time of despair. The same goes for a family challenge, when our children experience the peace that Christ gives in helping the family to deal with a difficulty they will learn to trust in God when faced by such challenges individually.

Thirdly, the religious education of our children is more ongoing than structured. Our children don't have to have things all figured out by the time they enter high school or leave home. We journey with them and help them to grow spiritually as they are ready.

It is natural for children to challenge their parents and other significant people in their lives as they seek out their identities and question: "How can God and others love them as much as they do?" Parents have to allow their children to experience life just as the Prodigal Son did and then patiently wait as the Father did. The Spirit is alive and well in our children and it is a parent's vocation to nourish and kindle the Spirit already burning within.

John Humphries



St. Luke's CWL News

Tickets for the spring trip to Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre on May 16th, 2019 still on sale. All men and women welcome! Contact CWL at stlukescwl2018@gmail.com or see our bulletin board. Parish Pancake breakfast- pre-Lent event! **March 3rd** after all masses. CWL general membership meeting Tuesday, Feb. 26th after 7pm mass in the parish hall. All members and anyone interested in joining are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Lenten "Little Black Book" is Back!

This little devotional book has become popular among parishioners of St. Luke's. With the daily turning of a page during lent, you will be offered a few minutes of guided meditation through short prayer and reflection. As well, throughout the book, there are snippets of interesting and enjoyable information. Lent begins on March 6th. Our Circle of Friends has been given the privilege of offering these booklets for sale **this weekend** after each mass. See you in the Narthex!

March Break Day Camp 2019

When: March 11-13. 9am-3pm (Drop-off 8:30am)

Where: St. Luke's Parish

Who: Grades 1-5

Cost: \$20/Day OR \$50 all 3 Days.

Families of students in grades 1-5 are invited to register their children for our parish day camp. The goal of the day camp is to challenge campers to grow in the spiritual gifts of wisdom, courage and strength by taking part in sports, high energy activities, arts and crafts and reflection on Scripture. To register your child please visit the parish website: <https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry>

For any inquiries please contact Greg Garda at SaintLukesYM@gmail.com OR 905-881-2786 ex.232.

OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO RECITAL **Saturday March 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Oleg is holding a recital here in the sanctuary on the above date. You and your friends and relatives will not want to miss his dazzling performance of the wonderful music of Beethoven, Schumann, and Schubert.

Reserved tickets are \$20, \$25, and \$30. Tickets at the door will be \$35.

If you have questions speak to Greg Benoit after the Sunday masses or by calling him at 647-296-6851 or emailing him at greg.benoit@rogers.com or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006.

Come join us for a most inspirational evening!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY AUDITORIUM

140 Brooke St. Thornhill

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer. Each year highlights a different country. This year's theme, written by the women of Slovenia is: **"Come – Everything Is Ready."**

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES **ARE DUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

27th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Saturday, March 2nd – 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building,
255 Front Street West, Toronto*

Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession. Come and experience why thousands return each year! Adult Rally \$25.00, Youth Rally \$15.00. For tickets, Consignments and Information: visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca Email: contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or call 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510

Happy Family Day 2019

Monday, February 18th

The office will be closed and mass will begin at 9:00 am