

# Teach me Your ways, O Lord...

In two powerful stories about seeds, Jesus tries to help us understand the magnitude and mystery of God's Kingdom. In both cases, God brings forth life from something small, that has to die first in order to bear fruit which cannot be imagined by looking at the seed. Each of us is a field in which God is planting the seeds of His Kingdom – and He plans for us to bear fruit. We believe in the fruitfulness of God and our participation in it. Is your life bearing this fruit? If not, what help and healing is God asking you to pursue?



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Laura Nelson</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Anna Kok Mee Shin, Joseph &amp; Gerrard Murack, Elvina &amp; Filip Menezes, Saviour Fenech, Paul Desira</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Patsy D'Souza</b>
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving from the <b>Hung family</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

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## GOD'S ANSWER TO THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS? YOUR ARE!

Recently I was speaking about current world events with a friend. We, were expressing our two cents about the whole Trudeau vs Trump fiasco and the increasing challenges of raising Christian children in a culture that's, to put it bluntly, becoming explicitly anti-Christian.

Needless to say the conversation was quite gloomy." My friend concluded by saying how he's not sure about having children in such a gloomy world.

After our conversation, I was reflecting on what he said. If my wife and I had the choice to turn back time would it be better to not have had children for the sake of our children? Even as I typed that question, the idea of it just seems plain silly.

### **Bringing Light into Darkness**

At the moment I'm listing to a song called "Do Something" by Matthew West. I encourage you to listen to the song, but for now I'm going to quote one line that I think it paints an accurate portrait of a common mindset.

"God, why don't You do something?"

He said, "I did, yeah, I created you"

To purposefully suppress an expression of love, such as bringing children into world is to allow darkness to push back light. To bring children into the world is to do something about the darkness.

### **Building the Kingdom of God**

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. The mustard seed is a tiny seed, yet, if looked after, it becomes a beautiful plant that creates an entire ecosystem for birds and insects. Something insignificant turns into something great. Whenever we do a mustard seed like acts we suppress the darkness within us and our hearts slowly is converted towards Jesus.

Mother Theresa famously once said that she simply does little acts with great love. It's when we do small things with great love that the Kingdom of God becomes present. In the context of the world giving birth to two daughters goes unnoticed. Yet their potential to be signs of great love is undeniable.

God has already been building his kingdom through our daughters. Their have brought my family joy, softened the hearts, and my wife and I have become witnesses to people who once thought children were a curse.

What mustard seed-like things can you do to build God's kingdom? The kingdom of God is present when you hug your children, when you greet someone on the street, when you acknowledge the dignity of a homeless person, or when you forgive.

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*



**St. Luke's Annual Picnic**  
**Sun., June 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**at Huntington Park**  
*Bring the whole family*



Bring a picnic basket to enjoy, and then later on there will be a barbecue. There will be games and activities with lots of fun for the whole family.

Please contact: Shaila D'Sousa at 905 707-9248 for more information.

**TOTUS TUUS DAY CAMP**

*Grades 1-6, July 30 – Aug. 03, 9am-2:30pm*

*Grades 7 + July 29 – Aug. 03, 7pm-9pm*

**Cost:** Grades 1-6, \$60/child; \$30 for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> student/family

Grades 7+ \$30/student; \$15 for second child in the family.

Registrations for Totus Tuus Day Camp at St. Luke's are now open. Totus Tuus is a faith centred camp open to all students run by college-aged missionaries from around the Archdiocese of Toronto. Totus Tuus is a great opportunity for students to get involved in exciting camp activities, meet new friends, and grow in their Christian faith.

For more information or to register see Greg Garda, Youth Minister, following Sunday Masses or contact him by email or phone.

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**Tuna Casseroles**

The Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due June 24<sup>th</sup> (the last Sunday of the month). Thank you for your continued support.

**JUNE IS SENIORS' MONTH**

Did you know?

- There are 900 million persons in the world over the age of 60 and in Canada, there are more person over the age of 65 than children under the age of 15.
- Life expectancy has increased by 30 years over the past 100 years.
- Our potential for spiritual growth increases as we age.
- A new ministry has begun here at St. Luke's to support the faith development of "maturing adults" throughout the multiple transitions that mark the second half of life.
- The maturing adult (50+) population is comprised of three distinct groups: the pre-retired, the active retired and the elders – each group having specific needs.
- Dealing with issues of loss is the central psychological and spiritual task of maturing years.
- Connection – with self, others, creation and God - is our greatest asset the aging process.
- How might we support each other in the aging process?

The Circle of Friends here at St. Luke's has celebrated it's one year anniversary of coming together each month. They came together building connections, and to share their reflections, insights and wisdom surrounding their life issues and lived experiences within the context of Christian faith.

# Share...Life!

**Living the Gospel by helping youth rebuild their lives**  
Sarah couldn't get along with her mother, so she tried living on the streets at age 14. She hitchhiked to Toronto to move in with her cousin, who soon kicked her out. Having no place to go, Sarah decided to try Sancta Maria House. She initially hated the structure and rules. However, the supportive staff won her trust and helped her return to school. At the end of her stay, she restored her relationship with her mother. ShareLife-funded agencies like Sancta Maria House are helping at-risk youth turn their lives around.

**Thank you for your generosity.**