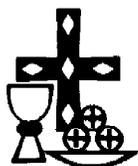




On his **Journey to Jerusalem**, three young men approach Jesus, hoping to become his disciples. Far from encouraging them to become followers, Jesus dispels any beliefs that discipleship will be an easy road to travel.

He dampens the enthusiasm of the first one by stating that following Jesus means giving up the comfort and security of house and home to accompany a travelling preacher who has nowhere to lay his head. It will take enormous courage and resolve to travel along a road that leads to hardship and trial. The second candidate who is recently bereaved discovers just how severe these demands are when he is told bluntly ‘to let the dead bury the dead’. Christ’s work is with the living and it is a message of new life in God. He makes it clear to the third one that half-hearted loyalty is not enough. Once the decision is made, there can be no turning back. It means following Christ unreservedly and nothing must get in the way of putting him first.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Intentions of Marc Dsouza
Tuesday	Soul of Chantelle Doughery Soul of John Jung Soul of Do Seon Thomas Hwang Soul of Kathleen McCormack Soul of Umberto Di Renzo
Wednesday	Souls of Sabina & Robert Rajasingham
Thursday	Soul of Theresa Sheehan
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

Living the Gospel Daily

Over the past 10 months, we have all been blessed in countless ways as we have moved through the life of Jesus. It can be difficult to integrate all we have received for the sheer quantity of gifts.

One gift we will never fully integrate is the magnitude of God’s love for us. Due to our fallen nature, we all believe to some degree that love must be earned. Consequently, love is associated with success and constantly we suffer for our perceived failures. The pain of the past then leads to varying degrees of depression and self-loathing while the future leads to varying degrees of anxiety and fear of future self-reproach. When we really think about it, it is comical that we blame ourselves for perceived poor decisions in such a complex world but feelings are not rational.

Realizing this truth, most philosophies encourage people to live in the present. To note the wisdom of the past and prepare for future events but to mostly dwell in the now. I think our faith gives us a wonderful framework to live in the present, for each day can be a microcosm of Jesus’ life.

We can imagine waking up at the Last Supper grateful for the gift of the day, our daily bread, fully consecrating ourselves to the Lord’s service. We then leave the comfort of our morning calm and enter our own Gethsemane, a beautiful yet corrupted garden. Aware of all the challenges we face, we keep Jesus’ prayer close to heart: “Father, not my will but thy will be done.”

As the day unfolds, we carry an awareness of the crosses encountered. What small or large ways are we being offered a share of Calvary; where are we being called to be oblations to the world, to fuse our will with God’s in the refining fire at the heart of the Holy Trinity? It is with joy and anticipation that we look for and enter such opportunities of conversion.

At the end of the day, we can reflect back and witness the moments of fear when we were confronted by a challenge. We can marvel at the grace that helped us to accept such challenges, giving us the courage to accept our crosses and carry them to Calvary, slaying our carnal desires and dying with Jesus, followed by resurrection and the embrace of God.

Each day is a new adventure, a new walk with Jesus, a new Easter. No need to mourn the past or fear the future for today we die and rise with Christ!

John Humphries.

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2019 PARISH GOAL - \$147,000.00
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Living the gospel by supporting at-risk youth.

The single mother of Trinity worried about who might influence her daughter after school, given the presence of gangs in the neighborhood. She enrolled Trinity in a program at the St. John Paul the Great Family Centre, a ShareLife funded agency. Along with helping with homework, the center provided music training that would otherwise be too costly. Now 15 years old, Trinity volunteers at the center so others can benefit just as she has.

Our 2019 campaign ends July 31st

Please consider a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through the parish or sharelife.org

TOTUS TUUS Day Camp 2019

Totus Tuus registration is still open for the day and evening programs. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 14th.

Day Program

Who: Students entering grades 1-6

When: July 22-26 from 9am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$60 first child & \$30 for each additional child

Evening Program

Who: Students entering grades 7-12

When: July 21-25 from 7pm-9pm

Cost: \$30

To register please visit:

<https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry>

OR <http://eepurl.com/gkvfU1>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who once again sponsored our annual parish picnic held last Sunday at Huntington Park, and who generously provided support to our Edge and Life Teen Summer Camp programs.

REMINDER - Mass on Monday July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd begins at 9:00 am

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Sadly, hunger never takes a vacation.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this program during the summer months of July & August.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS Life Story Program

Life Stories Writing Program with St. Mary Rose Marrin will start on Tuesday, Sept 3, 2019 here at St. Luke's Parish. This program consists of 8 sessions, every other week for two hours. Registration is required as space is limited to 14 individuals.

If interested, please contact Antoinette at 905-881-2786 x233 to sign up.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 at Holy Cross Cemetery.
All are welcome. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the mausoleum.



Congratulations to students who are graduating this year and to all those who celebrated sacraments for the first time. We wish you well in your future endeavors and many God continue to bless you.



Bible Study 2019 will start again in October. The topic is the Gospel of John - "My Peace I Give You." Information regarding registration will appear in the first bulletin in September. Have a great summer!

First Fridays

First Fridays continue during the summer months. Please join us July 5th, August 2nd and September 6th for an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30pm on both dates. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

This a reminder that this will be the last bulletin until the weekend of September 7/8th.

As the warm weather descends upon us, may you be blessed with time to renew your spirits and reflect on God's many gifts. Wishing everyone a great summer!



HAPPY CANADA DAY!