

**Teach me
Your ways,
O Lord . . .**

This gospel is a call to holiness by being a servant as Jesus was. God offers salvation in accepting the cup of suffering which is part of the daily struggle of living and coping with the joys and sorrows of family life. Parenting poses a greater challenge in this day than ever before. Through living in the humdrum routine of family life of loving each other, rearing the children, nursing the sick, going to work, correcting homework and seeking nothing in return, parents discover their call to holiness. It is all about giving yourself unconditionally in humble service so that children will gain a sense of who they are how much they matter. The ideal of service should be part of our everyday living and the place to start is in our own homes.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Departed Soul
Tuesday	Souls of Americo Gorizzan, Gian Batista & Rosina Zannese, Sandra Cordeiro, Artemo & Minda Agoncillo and Benjamin Caporale
Wednesday	Soul of Soon Wook Yoon
Thursday	Soul of Lewis & Maria Henriques
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

In my 20 years being a catholic, I was baptized a year or two after birth, I have never been very good at praying for others. Many times I have assured others that I will pray for them with the good intention of doing so but when I sit down to actually do it, if I even remember, my prayer is rather short and sweet. “Jesus, please keep Dave close to your heart at this difficult time” or “Lord, please help Jane to remember you are close to her as she is struggling now.” The same is true with my Godchildren as I often feel guilty about my lack of meaningful prayer for them.

Of course there is nothing wrong with short prayer as Jesus gets the message but my prayers seemed to be lacking something, like fireworks that blast off brightly into the sky but soon fizzle out.

My perspective on praying for others changed one afternoon while I was watching the Daily Mass on YouTube. At the end of the Mass the priest asked us to pray for him and assured us that he would pray for us. For some reason at this point the whole idea of praying for each other suddenly clicked and resonated with me.

Prior to this moment when somebody asked me to pray for them I perceived it as a sign of their humility, acknowledging their sinfulness and need for prayers. The same if someone was undergoing a hardship in their life they would ask for my prayers to help them through it which I gladly offered on both accounts, but I think the reason why my prayers felt shallow is because I failed to realize that prayer is never one directional. For prayer like our relationships is communal and moves in both directions. We are the Body of Christ so when a member of the Body is suffering we suffer too and thus the need for all members of the Body to pray for each other so that the entire Body may heal. Prayer like the life giving blood that moves throughout our arteries gives life to the Body and brings a renewed wholeness.

Just as it is with Jesus, we pray to Jesus telling him how much we love him and then we listen as Jesus tell us how much he loves us, our prayer is communal and reciprocal and interconnects us all.

Recently, the leaders of the Liturgy of the Word for Children have started a practice of praying for each other throughout the week leading up the Sundays in which we lead. It is amazing how much this practice has already helped us to feel more interconnected and in spiritual union with one another. So as I close this column I humbly ask if you would pray for me and I will be sure to pray for you.

John Humphries.

October 21, 2018

All Souls Day

Feast of all Souls

On Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. the parish will join in the celebration of the feast of All Souls. It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of our God.

The names of those who have died since last November 1st 2017 will be mentioned in a special way. Our deceased parishioners who were buried from St. Luke's, will be automatically included.

If a family member or friend was buried from another parish, **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail st.lukesparish@rogers.com with their names. **All names should be in by Tuesday, afternoon, October 30th.**

All Souls envelopes are provided in the pews for intentions at the November 2nd Mass. After All Souls Day the envelopes will be placed near the altar during the month of November.



BUNDLE UP for **SAINT VINCENT de PAUL**

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot this weekend of October 20/21 to collect **clothing, household linens, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, and toys** in order to support the needy. **Also please note, we do not accept books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** Our container will be open until Sunday until 2:00 pm.

OUT OF THE COLD CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Out of the Cold Program will be starting up again in November. We need warm winter clothing for adults, both men and woman (no children's clothing). The clothing may be dropped off in the hall. Please put a sticker on the bag of clothing to indicate that it is for the Out of the Cold program. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND **CWL BREAKFAST**

This Sunday after all the masses



BINGO NIGHT ***Saturday, October 27th*** ***6:30 pm – Parish Hall***

Are you looking for a fun social activity to do on a Saturday evening? Come to St. Luke's Bingo Night on Saturday, October 27th at 6:30 pm.

There is no entrance fee but donations will be welcomed. *This is an initiative of the CWL and Knights of Columbus.*

MOSAIC INTERFAITH PEACE MEAL

The annual Peace Meal will be held on **Sunday, October 21 from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.** The topic is Charity & Justice. How are they different? Why we need both?

Please bring a nut free vegan dish to share. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

THE 28TH ANNUAL MASS OF MEMORY **ST. PAUL'S BASILICA**

Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 3:00 pm
Sacred/Celtic Music Prelude by:
The Irish Choral Society of Canada 2:30 pm

All those who have passed away this year will be remembered in a special way. If you would like to have their name read out at the mass please call or email with their name and city/country they were born in. For information call Mairead 416 264-5363 mss015@bell.net or Colette 416 651-3953 colpat30hillary@yahoo.ca

Reception to follow, downstairs in the Basilica Hall.