



LUKE 18:1-8

Prayer has enormous power but to experience that power we must develop the strength of character to deal with disappointments and not expect immediate results. Like the perseverance of the widow in today’s gospel, who was wronged, robbed of her rights and ignored, she proves herself to be more than a match for the ruthless judge who ultimately feels no option but to grant her request. Jesus holds her up as an example of how we should storm heaven until our prayers are answered and while God does not answer every prayer precisely as we would wish, he does answer persistent pray in a way that is advantageous to us.

Prayer is being in touch with God. A daily habit of prayer is a way of showing God that we are serious about our relationship with him.

Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning brightly, drawing us closer to God and enabling us to produce good works.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Julie McKenzie
Tuesday	Soul of Mhret G-Mariam Soul of Celia Y. de Leon Soul of Benigna Aquino Intentions of John & Kyung Humphries Intentions of the Families of the Korean Prayer Group
Wednesday	Souls of Artemio & Mindinita Agoncillo
Thursday	Soul of Do Dean Hwang
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

We pray for the sick in our community, that they may persevere in their sufferings and never lose heart, especially: **Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papiro, San Hu and Elona**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

A Consistent Ethic of Life

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin coined the term “consistent life ethic” to express the belief that all human life was sacred. He served as the head of the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1982 until his death in 1996. Cardinal Bernardin’s understanding of a consistent life ethic includes all life issues from the beginning of life to its end – from womb to tomb. It links together the many issues of life and challenges us to pull together things that we might have kept apart in the past. This linkage of all life issues is the very heart of the consistent ethic of life. It rules out contradictory moral positions about the unique value of human life. For example it would be contradictory to be against abortion and to be for capital punishment. Often our convictions seem to cluster around “conservative” or “liberal” viewpoints - . But the consistent ethic of life cuts across such divisions, calling us to respect the life in the womb, the life of a criminal, the life on welfare, the life of the dying. If we are consistent we must speak out not only about abortion and euthanasia but also concerning welfare and immigration, sexism and racism, healthcare reform, sweatshops, the buying and selling of women for prostitution, genocide and many other issues. Such a quality of life stance translates into specific political and economic positions on tax policies, employment generation, welfare policy, and health care.

The above was summarized from Catholic Update: “A Consistent Life Ethic”

The Archdiocese has prepared an Election Guide: **For Heaven’s Sake, Your Guide to Catholic Social Teaching and the Federal Election.** It states “*Our actions matter, and so does our vote, because it can turn our country’s government towards greater justice. Our vote can lead to greater economic security and opportunity, or marginalization and hopelessness for the peoples of Canada and for our brothers and sisters around the world. The fundamental message of the Gospels and the Catholic Teaching is this: We are responsible for one another, especially for the most vulnerable and the poor.* The Catholic Social Teaching of a Preferential Option for the Poor calls us to look at issues not only from the perspective of how they affect us but also how they affect the poorest among us, and vote accordingly.

The Guide asks us to reflect on a number of issues: Human Dignity (From the Beginning of Life to the End of Life), Poverty (Income Insecurity and Precarious Employment; Homelessness (Housing for Individuals and Families); Health Care; Indigenous Issues; Newcomers (Immigrants, Migrants and Refugees) and the Environment. All these issues are part of a consistent life ethic that will have an impact on creating the type of just society we hope to build.

Natalie Doucet



OUT OF THE COLD

Out of the Cold will be starting up again November 21st and we urgently need:

VOLUNTEERS: You can sign up starting this weekend in the narthex. We are looking for volunteers for various stations, including food preparers, kitchen help, servers, clothing support and clean up crew.

CLOTHING: We are ready to receive your gently used winter clothing for both men and woman (no children's clothing please). Clothing donations can be dropped of in the parish hall. If you have any questions please call Natalie Doucet at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Friday evening, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail their name to st.lukesparish@rogers.com by Thursday, October 31st.

All Souls envelopes will be available in the pew pockets for intentions, following which they will rest at the altar during the month of November.

Friday, November 1st is also the first Friday of the month. Please join us for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following our All Souls mass.

** There is no change to our Friday morning mass, which will proceed as scheduled at 8:00am.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Good Shepherd Casseroles are due next Sunday, Oct 27th. Thank you to everyone who supports this program.

FROM ABRAHAM 3 FAITHS

A Mosaic Interfaith Panel Discussion

Sunday October 27th 2:30 – 4:30pm

Topic: **“Reforming Tradition”** - How can we reform tradition and still be loyal to that tradition.

Panelists: Rev. Canon John Hill, (Christianity)
Rabbi Michael Stroh (Judaism)
Dr. Liyakat Takin (Islam)

Location: St. Luke’s Catholic Parish (Hall)

Any questions please contact Natalie at ext 235.

ST. LUKE’S - CWL LADIES NIGHT



All ladies are invited to join CWL members in the hall for a wine & cheese social on **Thurs. Oct 24th @7:00pm.** Looking forward to seeing you there! ☺

EDGE YOUTH PROGRAM KICK-OFF

BARBEQUE SOCIAL

When: Friday, October 25th

Registration & Barbeque: 5-7pm – Bring your family!

Edge Program: 7-9pm

Fee: 50.00 for the year! (Early Registration - \$45.00)

Contact: Alan Lee Hoy - stlukesthy@gmail.com

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend our first Edge youth night of the year. For more info on Edge, please visit the website at stlukesth@archtoronto.org



INTERCESSORY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wed. Oct 23 – 7:30pm

Please join us to pray for special intentions for parishioners and friends. Special intentions may be dropped in the intentions box in the parish lounge.

The 29th Annual Mass of Memory

Sunday Nov. 3rd at 3:00pm

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Toronto

Enjoy Sacred/Celtic Prelude by The Irish Choral Society of Canada beginning at 2:30pm.

Reception follows downstairs in the Basilica hall.

For more info call Mairead 416 264 5363.

2021 CWL National Convention Fundraiser Concert

Sunday, October 27th at 2:00pm

St. Edward the Confessor Parish

Tickets \$20 per person – See the bulletin board