



Today's gospel is one that does not make for comfortable reading. It is a call to change our mindset and to turn our backs on much that the modern world loves and regards as precious. It is not so much about having possessions, which prevent us from following Jesus more closely; it is our attitude toward them. The difficulty arises when our time and energy is spent on securing possessions and constantly acquiring more as if nothing else matters, especially the state of our souls. Renouncing possessions does not necessarily mean giving them away but rather developing a spirit of detachment. We would do well to spend a few moments reflecting on what should come first in our lives. What are the things that light up our lives and give it meaning?

The words of Jesus today bring us face to face with discipleship and the relative importance of all human commitments. While discipleship might be demanding, it is not impossible. Putting Jesus at the centre of our lives will involve sacrifice and the cross. Carrying the cross is part of being a disciple.



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Soul of Kathleen Gallagher |
| Tuesday | Soul of Chiara Vaira Soul of Laima O'Sullivan Souls of Angele Evelyne & Rudy Nasser Soul of Edouard Nasser Souls of Guiseppe & Donato Di Sabatino |
| Wednesday | Soul of Duane Soares |
| Thursday | Intentions of Angelica Diane D'Souza |
| Friday | Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson |

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Moving Forward

At the beginning of August, a group of twelve high school students from St. Luke's joined 150 teens from across the archdiocese at Life Teen Camp on the shores of Lake Simcoe. The camp consisted of outdoor camp activities, daily mass, teachings and small group discussions. One of the reasons I enjoy going to camps is because it gives me the opportunity to detach from things that otherwise "I can't live without." You know, like my phone, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, and binge watching "The Grand Tour" on Amazon Prime. I was not alone, all the teens I spoke to felt the same way. We came to the realizations that for the first time in a long time we have the opportunity to just be present with God.

Darkness to Light

In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul reflects on what it will be like to be in heaven in God's presence: "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall understand fully, even as I have fully understood."

In this world, there are many things that "dim" our ability to "see" God. Life Teen Camp was like moving from an extremely dimly lit room to a brightly lit room that revealed many things that has been right in front our faces, but we could not see from being blinded by the garbage in our lives. This became evident on the evening we had Eucharistic Adoration.

Seeing Jesus Face to Face

In Eucharistic Adoration, we come face to face with the risen Jesus Christ. Without the distractions, we approached Christ with nothing to hide; with all our brokenness, fears, our joys all laid out in front of Him. When we do this, Christ brings light to all the nooks and crannies of our lives, even the parts we desperately try to suppress, and of course, the positive parts of our lives that we fail to focus on. For the first time in their lives, many teens experience the real presence of Jesus.

On the final night, I asked the kids on their thoughts of Adoration and the camp in general. They responded by telling me that they did not want to leave. This camp was a "glimpse of heaven." Authentic friendships rooted in the presence of Jesus Christ with no distractions.

For me, this small glimpse of Heaven was the perfect final moment in my youth ministry career at St. Luke's. I know all these teens will continue to serve the Church with their gifts. As for me, I will be moving on to a new role as a high school chaplain. I am indebted to the selfless service of countless high school students and many St. Luke's parishioners who served youth in Edge, Life Teen and Confirmation. I hope that as a parishioner you will step up and become part of the future of youth ministry at St. Luke's. You will be surprised to discover that you will get more from the kids than you have to offer them. After all Jesus did say, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

In Christ,

Greg Garda

PARISH NEWS

HEALING MASS

Join us Tuesday, Sept 17th at 7:00 pm



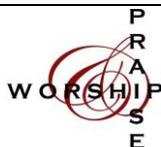
The topic of study this year is the Gospel of John - "My Peace I Give You."

When: Mondays: October 07 through November 25th.
Afternoon session 1-3pm, Evening Session 7:30-9:30pm
** No Bible Study on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14th
Registration: The weekends of Sept 21/22, Sept 28/29 and Oct 5/6th – after all masses.
Cost: Book and reading material \$15.00

Let us find time explore God's word together and experience real lasting peace, strength and serenity in today's troubled world.

First Communion

For parents of children wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year, St. Luke's Church will be holding information sessions **on September 18th and 19th from 7-8pm**. Parents only need attend one of the 2 sessions. For more information, please contact John at john.humphries@rogers.com.



All are welcome to join us Monday, Sept 9th at 7:30pm for an evening of **Praise & Worship** in the parish hall. Bring a friend!



"UNPLANNED", a movie adapted from the true story of a former abortion clinic director, made a huge impact when it was released in Canada in July. The movie is now available on DVD and available at various outlets including Fountain of Love and Life (FLL) a Catholic ministry.

Please place your order with FLL using this link:
<https://purchase.fll.cc/product/unplanned-dvd>

*If you cannot pick up the DVD at FLL Bookstore, please order from the link below, use Partner Code "FLL" when you check out:
<https://seeunplanned.com/?ref=ltzmfzj1yi¤cy=cad>

1,000 Guests & Four Political Parties Join us October 3, 2019 – 7:30 pm Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective

A federal election will be held on October 21, 2019. To help educate Catholic voters through the lens of our faith, the Archdiocese of Toronto is hosting a debate from a Catholic perspective on Thursday, October 3 with candidates from the four major political parties. Moderated by veteran political journalist, Don Newman, this free-ticketed event is being held at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with an audience of 1,000 guests. For more information, election resources and to order your free tickets, visit: www.archtoronto.org/election - we hope you will join us on October 3 as we educate, reflect and act leading up to the October 21 election.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry will start meeting again on Fridays beginning **September 20th** in the lounge from 1-2pm. New members are always welcome!

DROP-IN & LINE DANCING

Friday afternoons will once again become a hub of activity when the Drop-In resumes on **September 20th** from 2 until 3:30pm. Please join us for a light lunch followed by line dancing.