

# St. Luke's Parish

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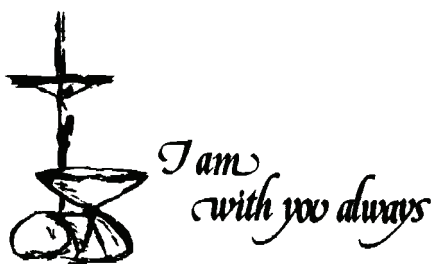
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 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.  
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.  
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.  
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions  
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The story of Samuel is our story too. He stands for all of us. We may not be important in the eyes of society but none of us is ever ignored by God. We are always in his mind and forever under his care. God is constantly calling us into a relationship with him in the circumstances of life we find ourselves in. When we were baptized our ears were symbolically opened to hear his call. In the noisy ranting world in which we live, there is a danger of God's voice being drowned out and not heard. That is why it is important to have a quiet and peaceful corner to develop pockets of silence, where we can be alone to listen to the voice of God, calling us and directing us along his pathway. God can only speak to a person who is listening.

## What is Life?

One lovely summer's day around noon, there was a deep stillness over all the forest. The birds had tucked their heads under their wings, and everything was at rest. Then a bullfinch popped his head up and asked, "What is life?"

Everyone was struck by this profound question. A rose was just emerging from her bud, and was opening up one shy petal after another, rejoicing in the newly discovered sunlight. 'Life is a Becoming,' she said. The butterfly was less philosophical. He flew blithely from one flower to another, snacking everywhere on the delicious nectar. 'Life is pure pleasure and sunshine,' he announced. Down on the ground, an ant was labouring under the weight of a piece of straw ten times his size. He said, 'Life is nothing but toil and sweat and strain.' There might have been quite an argument about the meaning of life, had not a fine rain begun to fall, and the rain spoke: 'Life consists of tears, nothing but tears.' High above the forest, an eagle swooped, making majestic curves in the sky. 'Life, spoke the eagle, 'is a constant search for happiness, and a string of disappointments.' After the long, dark night, at last the dawn came, rising pink on the eastern skyline. 'Just as I, the dawn, am the start of the new day, so life is the beginning of eternity.'

*Retelling of a Swedish legend (Margaret Silf)*

The world abounds in 'wisdom stories'. Some of them suggest explanations for who we are and how we came to be who we are. Others offer guidance on how to live, how to relate to each other and how to cope with life's joys and crises. Almost all of them can be engaged with at different levels –from the simple delight of a child at bedtime, to the probing of the adult mind and heart into the deepest mysteries of life. *WisdomStories by Margaret Silf*

I enjoy stories. Some of my most treasured moments, are my memories of childhood; of sitting by the fire with my grandparents telling me stories about truths and meaning of everyday living. Stories I find have a subtle way of 'breaking open' and bringing meaning to some of life's mysteries.

*Antoinette*



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Departed Soul
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Kevin DeGrace &amp; David Richardson</b> and <b>For the Intentions of Susan Hannan and the Burse Family</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Kevin DeGrace</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Angelina Villacorta</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

### PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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January 14, 2018



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**To Our Generous Parishioners**

As you know, your food donations go to the Georgina Community Food Pantry. They wanted you to know that your food donations last year at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas totaled 6000 lbs! Your generosity is very much appreciated and important to the work of the Pantry.

Also, the Christmas Basket program was again a huge success in helping many families in our parish community celebrate the Christmas season.

Thank you and God Bless you.

**TUNA CASSEROLE VOLUNTEERS**

Our new Freezer has arrived. We hope you will continue to support this program for the Good Shepherd Ministries. New volunteers would be appreciated. Our next due date is **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. For more info please contact Kay Holker (416-493-0906) or Bev McMahon (905-889-2905).

**SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY**

Before the 8:45 Mass

In spite of the weather, the group of parishioners praying Our Blessed Mother's Rosary beginning at 8:15 am has been growing. Come a little early and pray for world peace. If we don't pray, it won't happen.

**CHALICE APPEAL**

Please welcome Deacon Terence Rebello this weekend who will speak to us about CHALICE – a Canadian Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. For more information please visit the website [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND**  
**REFUGEES**

The Archdiocese of Toronto together with the Chaldean Catholic Community invites you to a special Mass on the occasion of the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral Parish**  
**2 High Meadow Place, North York**

Homilist: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. Refreshments to follow in parish hall.

**MOSAIC INTERFAITH EVENT**

**“A CARING VILLAGE”**

*Presentation by Clovis Grant, CEO of 360° kids*

**Sunday, January 14 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Temple Har Zion**  
**7360 Bayview Ave.**

How can we as a community work together to wrap our arms around young people, particularly those most vulnerable, to help them achieve their full potential. Light refreshments will be served following the program

**FROM JEW TO EVANGELICAL TO**  
**CATHOLIC NUN**

***The Life and Ministry of Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God (Rosalind Moss)***

***Blessed Trinity Church***

***3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto***

***Tuesday, January 16, 2018; 7:00-9:00 pm***

A video from EWTN Live highlights the story of Rosalind Moss, now Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God O.S.B. Raised as a Conservative Jew in New York, she became a Catholic teacher and evangelist. Sensing a vocation to the religious life, Mother Miriam became the foundress of an order of sisters: “Daughters of Mary, Mother of Israel’s Hope.” Her testimony will inspire and convince us of the Jewishness of the Gospel.

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