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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 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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Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	For Envelopes, please contact usher <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>

**We Are Called As
A Family, to
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"Love One Another As I Have Loved You"

The Ascension points to the purpose and goal of life here on earth and gives us a glimpse of the destiny that awaits us. It is the final assurance that there is a reason for our journeying and a meaning to our living. In ascending to the heights of glory Christ conquered suffering and death. His changing of the darkness of death into the dawn of new life gives us this gift of final hope as an anchor for our lives. As members of God's household, our hearts thirst for a home which cannot be found here on earth. Deep within us there is a yearning for fulfillment, a longing for the fullness of life which prompts us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on a world that will never end. Our homeland is heaven. Eternity is our goal. Where Christ has gone, we hope one day to follow.



Mass Intentions

- Monday For the Intention of **Andy Chen**
- Tuesday Souls of **Eugene Penoso** and Mass of Thanksgiving from **Sheila Lake**
- Wednesday For the Intention of **John Chun**
- Thursday Departed Soul
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

AMAZING MOMS

I would like to share three stories of moms. Out of respect for the first woman, I will not use her real name. Instead I will refer to her as Claire.

Claire

Claire was only 18 years old when she unexpectedly got pregnant in her first year of university. In the coming nine months of her pregnancy Clair experienced immense pressure to abort her child. The campus doctor was adamant that she not sacrifice her studies for motherhood. Her dorm mates consistently pressured her to have an abortion. One male student even offered pay for her abortion. Her father even alienated her for nine months; though they have now reconciled. In the face of social pressure Clair gave birth to her child and graduated university. As I write Claire is pursuing graduate studies, volunteering at Aid to Women and is a dedicated pro-life advocate.

My Mom

My own mom is a champion among women. I am forever indebted to her for the sacrifices she has made for my sister and I. First, she gave birth to my sister and I, which of course is the greatest sacrifice of all. However, it's the two decades that followed that is worth mentioning. In the twenty years that followed the birth of my sister, to say that my mom endured a difficult marriage would be an understatement. Her circumstances got even more difficult when we moved to Canada and she was forced to leave her parents, to whom she is an only child. In Canada she had to learn English and even change her career, raise two children, and continue to endure a difficult marriage, all without the support of extended family or close friends. After a difficult first half of her life, my mom is a joy-filled grandma, she has a fulfilling nursing career. My mom has taught me how to be an authentic man and a loving father and husband. When I reflect on being a husband and father, I always ask myself, "How does my mom deserve to be treated?" Or "How does God see my mother?" I strive to treat my wife and daughters in that way.

The Best for Last...My Wife.

As for my own wife, I can fill an entire book speaking about why she is an amazing mother. Jennine is patient, gentle, has strong resolve and exemplifies powerful womanhood to her daughters. She never loses her cool when our two year old is having a meltdown? She has taught me to entrust our family to God even in the face of uncertainties. Jennine is a gifted musician and talented dancer (yep, it's a spectacle to see her tap dance). She is also the first one our daughter, Marian calls out to when she is not well, "Mommy!"

To all the amazing moms,Happy Mothers Day!

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*

May 13, 2018

Happy 25th Anniversary

The Community of St. Luke's will be celebrating our Pastor **Father Mark's 25th Anniversary** of his Ordination into the Priesthood at our parish church on **Sunday, May 27th at the 12:15 mass. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special event.

TOTUS TUUS DAY CAMP

Grades 1-6, July 30 – Aug. 03, 9am-2:30pm

Grades 7 + July 29 – Aug. 03, 7pm-9pm

Cost: Grades 1-6, \$60/child; \$30 for 2nd & 3rd student/family

Grades 7+ \$30/student; \$15 for second child in the family.

Registrations for Totus Tuus Day Camp at St. Luke's are now open. Totus Tuus is a faith centred camp open to all students run by college-aged missionaries from around the Archdiocese of Toronto. Totus Tuus is a great opportunity for students to get involved in exciting camp activities, meet new friends, and grow in their Christian faith.

For more information or to register see Greg Garda, Youth Minister, following Sunday Masses or contact him by email or phone.

Greg Garda: saintlukesym@gmail.com
905-881-2786 ex. 332..



BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot this weekend of **May 12/13**. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Thank you!!!

FROM TOMB TO PENTECOST

A MYSTICAL JOURNEY WITH THE RISEN LORD

May 19 - 10:30-12:00 Noon – St. Luke's Church

Children and their families are invited to join us as we make the journey from the empty tomb and Mary's encounter with the Risen Lord to the early Church's reception of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The children will animate the various scriptural encounters along the way as we seek to enter into the mystical journey of Jesus from His resurrection until the out pouring of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

All are welcome to attend. No registration is necessary.

For more information contact John Humphries at:
john.humphries@rogers.com

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE 2018 – AN INVITATION FROM CARDINAL COLLINS

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, recently issued a call to action in advance of the June 7 provincial election to promote palliative care, conscience rights and the protection of faith-based facilities. His Eminence has asked Catholics to visit canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario to send a letter directly to all candidates in their riding for the June 7 election. A pre-written letter is provided which people can amend as they choose. If you did not receive Cardinal Collins' emailed letter and you would like to receive them in the future, please visit bit.ly/archtosignup
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