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

John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus, conceived after years of infertility to an aging couple. John -- living in the wilderness, eating strange food, saying things that made people uncomfortable. He began to baptize people for repentance to prepare them to meet Jesus. John was strange and God used him to change lives. If God uses John, the strange cousin of Jesus, how valid are my excuses? It is easy to say we are too quiet, too fallen, too unworthy. But when we do so, we limit God's power to use all our quirks, our weaknesses, our gifts for His glory. When we follow Jesus, our lives can become a light for others to find Him. Who are we to tell God that we aren't up to it? Ask God to use you this week to let your life point to Jesus.



## Mass Intentions

- Monday      Soul of **Melissa Quan**
- Tuesday    Souls of **Celia Salonga, Kwang Sook Han, and Peter Tang**
- Wednesday    Soul of **Antonio Rodrigues**
- Thursday    Soul of **Judy Valletta**
- Friday      Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
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## HOW TO LIVE A PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE

One of the saddest things in life is seeing people who don't have a sense of purpose and end up taking their own life. On June 8<sup>th</sup> celebrity chef, Anthony Bourdain took his own life in a Paris hotel room. On August 11, 2014 comedian Robin Williams commits suicide in his home. In April of this year former wife of the rock legend Elvis Presley, Priscilla Presley revealed that Elvis' drug induced heart attack was actually suicide.

What do these men have in common? Well they were all "living the good life" from the perspective the world. Wealthy, every material desire, popular, family... What went wrong? Were they not living heaven on earth?

### **Living a Life of Purpose**

Living a purpose-filled life has nothing to do with achieving goals or accumulating riches. Even cherished things like a family won't always sustain a sense of purpose. Luckily she has God as her rock.

Even if we manage to achieve all the glory and aspirations in this life, without God, we will fall flat on our face. Once there is no way up in life, the only other way is a hard fall down.

While achieving goals or accumulating riches is not inherently evil, they will not inspire us with an infinite sense of purpose. In today's first reading Isaiah prays, "The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me" (Isaiah 49:1). Whether you are successful real estate agent with a Tesla on your driveway or a new immigrant, who is working odd jobs to sustain his family, God had you in mind long before you were conceived... and God does not make mistakes. God has a purpose for you to be his instrument in His world. The Church calls this our universal vocation.

### **John the Baptist**

In today's Gospel we are introduced to John the Baptist. Like celebrities, John had every opportunity to live "the good life." His father, Zachariah, was a temple high priest, which was a prestigious position. John appeared to be conscious of his greater purpose, so much so, that he abandoned the comforts of his home life to seek out his vocation without any distractions (Luke 1:80). Little did he know that God had something planned for him that was even greater than his father's position; to prepare people for the public appearance of Jesus Christ.

God has a purpose for you and it's much greater than any purpose we can make up for ourselves.

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister.*

June 24, 2018

## PARISH NEWS

### St. Luke's Annual Picnic Sun., June 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.

at Huntington Park

*Bring the whole family*



Bring a picnic basket to enjoy, and then later on there will be a barbecue. There will be games and activities with lots of fun for the whole family.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council

### BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study, 2018 will start again this coming October. Details will be published with the first bulletin publication this coming Fall.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> student/family

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

Registrations for Totus Tuus Day Camp at St. Luke's are 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..

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393  
Will accept donations for The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation on Sunday after each mass. The donations will help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children whose families cannot afford them.

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### JUNE IS SENIORS MONTH



At this time last year, with the encouragement of the Archdiocese and Fr. Mark, we introduced St. Luke's Circle of Friends to our parish. Since then, we have had monthly gatherings with an average of 40 seniors in attendance. Our goal is to build supportive community among our St. Luke's seniors. We are pleased to say that our program seems to be alive and well. We have been told the meetings are inspiring, challenging and fun.

Look for more information in the September bulletin.

### BRINGING PARISHES TOGETHER 2018 INVITES YOU TO LIGHT THE PATH FOR

#### JESUS

*Saturday, July 7th, 2018 – 6:30 pm*

*Marylake Augustinian Monastery*

*13760 Keele St., King City*

Come join us for a night of Prayer, music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The night will start with a prayer procession on the Rosary Path, a viewing of the Stations of the Cross and will end with socialization and music under the stars. Please dress comfortably.

Tickets \$25.00 per person (Children under \$10.00 free)

Contact: Franca Bunnell 647 299-9049 or

francabunnell@gmail.com . Tickets also available at the

door. All proceeds will go to Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine Charity to assist with the installation of lighting on the Rosary Path at Marylake.

**The Parish of St. Luke's** wishes blessings on those who are completing their school year. We congratulate those who are graduating and those who have celebrated sacraments for the first time and we ask God to bless them and wish them well in their future endeavours.

*This a reminder to everyone that this will be the last bulletin before the fall.*

*Blessings one and all for a safe and joyful summer.*

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