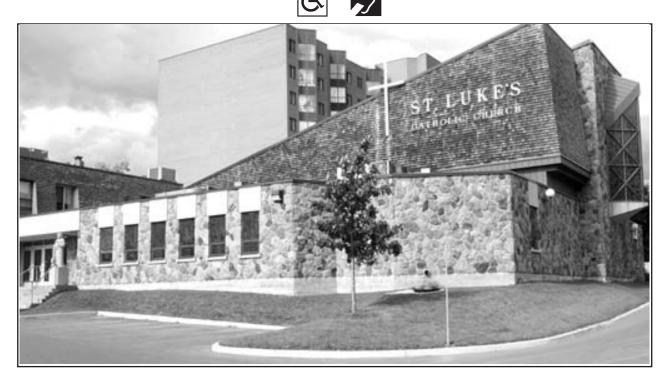
St. Luke's Parish

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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 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786 PARISH St. Anthony's St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke St. Robert C.H.S. Saint John Paul II SCHOOLS: 141 Kirk Dr. 135 Green Lane 8101 Leslie St. 155 Red Maple Rd. Thornhill Thornhill Thornhill Richmond Hill L4B 4P9 905-709-3134/709-3136 905-889-7420 905-881-2300 905-889-4982 For more information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the York Catholic District School Board at 905-713-2711 or www.ycdsb.ca PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET Name Phone

Address		Postal Code		
Children & Dates of Births:				
New Parishioner	For Envelopes, please contact usher \Box	Change of Address	Moving out of Parish	



Do we sometimes take for granted the astounding gifts of ears to hear and tongues to speak? Words can comfort and console, but words can also kill and maim. There are times when our ears listen to scandal about a neighbour and our tongues let us down as we pass it on without bothering to check whether it is true or false. What of the long overdue apology that we should make but never get around to doing because we are afraid of losing face? Doesn't coarse language indicate a misuse of speech? 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the glory of God the Father." As we began life's journey our ears were opened to God's word and our mouth was consecrated to God's call so that all the pathways to our heart would be open to Christ's redeeming love.



Monday	Soul of Julie McQueen
Tuesday	Souls of Duane Soares, Raffaele & Pasqua Troiano, Kathleen & John Gallagher, & Chiara Vaira and for the Intention of Richard Bernyi & Nanci Jewers
Wednesday	Soul of Julia Jacobs
Thursday	For the Intention of Luke Jang
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE 905 881-2786 ext. 250

STARGAZING

Thursday, September 13, 8:00 p.m, Thornhill Meadow, east of St. Volodymyr's Church, 15 Church Lane. Escape to Thornhill's own dark-sky oasis and join our avid astronomers with their telescopes for an exciting stargazing evening. Rain or cloud date: Thursday, October 11. Contact Jim Laframboise at 905-889-1073.

SEASON OF CREATION (PART 2) Ways You Can Make a Difference

Be energy efficient. During the summer months, close your curtains to block heat . During the winter, open curtains during the day to allow the sun to warm your home. This reduces the need for air conditioning and heating, which are likely the most energy-intensive aspects of our home.

Adjust your driving routine. By combining multiple errands into one trip, you reduce the amount of fossil fuel you use.

Go meatless once a week. Livestock production accounts for about 4% of greenhouse gases.

Recycle More. Recycling reduces your carbon footprint because landfills emit greenhouse gases through decomposition, and because manufacturing from scratch is carbon-intensive. Avoid excess packaging.

Conserve water. Water processing accounts for approximately 3% of energy use.

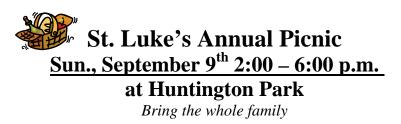
Try to buy local and seasonal food – this not only minimizes transport miles but you are also supporting the local economy.

Use less paper. making paper uses a lot of energy. The more we recycle or do without it, the more energy we can save. The more trees we cut down to make paper, the more CO2 is released into the atmosphere and the fewer trees are left standing to absorb all the new CO2 we have yet to produce.

Avoid plastic bags. Keep a **reusable bag** handy for carrying your purchases & groceries. Use **reusable food containers**. Keep a jug of drinking water in the fridge. **Avoid bottled water** unless there is a health reason to drink bottled water. **Avoid plastic straws**.

Finally we need to examine **and evaluate public policy** on environmental issues **through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.** One of principles is Care of Creation. Ultimately governments only do what we want or are prepared to accept. Therefore the onus is also on us to demand that our governments – federal, provincial, municipal move ahead on needed changes to protect the earth which, Pope Francis calls "Our Common Home"

Natalie Doucet



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Mondays: October 16 through November 26

The topic of study this year is the Gospel of Matthew: "On the Road with Jesus" (Loyola Press).

Registration: Weekends of Sept. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 after all the masses.

Cost: Book and reading materials \$15.00

BIBLE STUDY

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Sept. 22/23 and Sept. 29/30

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, **let us remember the less fortunate**.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, etc.) to the church the **weekends of September 22/23 or September 29/30**. Your contributions will be sent to the Georgina Food Bank to help the poor. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

FRIDAY DROP-IN, LINE DANCING AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Starting up again on Friday September 14. Come and enjoy good food and good company

Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in the Lounge1:00-2:00 p.m.The Drop-In meets in the Hall2:00 p.m.Line Dancing in the Hall2:30-3:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

COME AND MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS Hosted by the Knickte of Columbus

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On **Sunday, September 16th after all the masses**, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee, Tea and Cookies social time for Parishioners to come meet each other or to catch up from the summer. All are welcome!

"<u>Responding to Abuse: Healing</u> <u>The Body of Christ</u> (Where do we go from here?)"

With Speaker & Author, Lea Karen Kivi

When: Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30 pm Where: St. Luke's Catholic Church, Thornhill.

St. Luke's will be hosting a speaking engagement to address the clergy abuse crisis that has recently been brought to light in the church. The speaker for the evening will be Lea Karen Kivi. Ms. Kivi is an abuse survivor and has committed her life to helping people who have experienced abuse in the church.

Ms. Kivi is the founder of *Listening Place*, an organization dedicated to preventing clergy sexual abuse and to support healing of all those directly and indirectly affected by this abuse of power.

Ms. Kivi's goal for the evening is to promote a message of hope and share ideas on how to move forward as the body of Christ with Jesus as the head. The evening will consist of Ms. Kivi's talk, a question and answer session and will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

There is no cost for the event, but seating will be limited. Please sign up at <u>https://bit.ly/2LYGQqh</u> OR after mass in the narthex.

ST. LUKE'S FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION MEETINGS 2018-19

There will be 2 information meetings for the First Reconciliation/First Communion program taking place this year at St. Luke's. **Parents** only need to **attend one**. The first is on **Tuesday September 11th from 7-8pm** and the second is on **Monday September 17th from 7-8pm**. At the meetings a program schedule and a registration form will be distributed. For more information contact John at john.humphries@rogers.com.

FOCUS ON FATHERS Sat., Sept. 15 to Sat., Oct. 20, 2018 10:00 to 12:00 noon, St. Luke's Parish Hall

This program is designed to strengthen parenting skills and support men in being more active in their children's lives. Topics covered may include: the role of fathers in child development, discipline, anger, stress management and more. Grandfathers welcomed too!



