

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

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Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	For Envelopes, please contact usher <input type="checkbox"/>
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Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

The story of the widow's mite is meant to set us thinking. It speaks of the generosity of ordinary people who give of the little they have with grace and a smile.

While our financial resources may be limited, it is good to remember that we give but little when we give of our possessions. Often the easiest way to exercise charity is to write a cheque, which is a duty discharged and frequently forgotten about within a short time. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give. Giving of our time, our understanding and our talent can be more costly. Offering a comforting presence and a sparkle of hope to someone who is hospitalized demands that we take time out of our busy day, which causes inconvenience. Little things like courtesy and consideration, remembering and listening do mean a lot in human relationships. Our real worth lies in who we are to one another.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Isa Quatela
Tuesday	Souls of Jim Apolins, Evelyn Aldea and For the Intention of Alexandra Fraser and the Murphy Family
Wednesday	Soul of Kee Yuen
Thursday	Soul of Alanson McDonell
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393 will hold a **membership drive** to invite new members on **Saturday, November 17th & 18th after each Mass**. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus (Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action).

Members of the Knights will be available in the Narthex to provide further information and answer any questions.

WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME

When I was younger I used to enjoy watching a popular television show called Cheers. It was a comedy centring around a local bar that various characters frequented. Each of the characters had different personalities which made their interactions very entertaining. The most popular character at the bar was a beer guzzler named Norm. Anyone who ever watched the show would recall that whenever he entered the bar everyone would exuberantly call out his name: "Norm". There was something so attractive about the warm reception he would always receive and the fact that everyone knew his name and as the theme song would highlight: "and they're always glad you came."

One day about a month ago the show popped into my head. I was walking through the narthex at St. Luke's greeting people and saying hello. Some people gave me a hug, some a nod, some a handshake and some a high-five but each person knew me and I knew them. Later, as I was walking down the hallway bringing the children upstairs for Liturgy of the Word I was overwhelmed by an immense feeling of gratitude and belonging. Like Norm on the television series how fortunate I felt to have a place to go each Sunday where everybody knows my name and I feel so loved. In my life, St. Luke's is not the only place I attend on a regular basis where many people know my name as my coworkers knew my name when I was working in an office and my neighbours know my name as I greet them on the street. But there is a difference for me. When I walk down the street there are some neighbours who choose not to greet me or if they do their greeting can be guarded. The same with my office coworkers as my interactions are more heartfelt with some than others but at church I find a depth of connection that surpasses all others, a connection centred in the mystical Body of Christ.

For not only at church are we greeted by our fellow parishioners but we are also greeted by Jesus who knows our names and is always glad that we came. We cannot fathom how much joy our presence together at church brings the Holy Trinity as God enjoys a meal with us and the saints, but reflecting back on Thanksgiving and seeing how happy my mother was to have all her family together for a meal gave me a small insight to what the joy of the divine banquet will be. Let us give thanks then for having a place to go each Sunday where everybody knows our name and they are always glad we came.

John Humphries.

November 11, 2018

CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

When: Thursday, November 15th. 7:00 pm-7:45pm.

Where: St. Luke's Church Sanctuary

Contact: Greg Garda, Youth Minister. Email: SaintLukesYM@Gmail.com OR 905-881-2786 ex.232.

Families who are seeking to have their children Confirmed in the 2018-2019 school year are invited to join Greg Garda on **Thursday, November 15th at 7 pm** in the church for a Parent Information Meeting. At this meeting we will cover the parish and school approach to Confirmation this year, important dates to keep in mind, and address questions from families. Parents are invited to register their child(ren) at <http://tiny.cc/SaintLukesConfirmation>.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be selling their knitted items on the weekend of **Saturday, November 24th** and **Sunday, November 25th**.

All proceeds will go to charity. For more information, please call Helen at 905 707-7823.



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us.

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

For many of our retired shepherds, this means "lending a hand" to accommodate their special needs so that they continue to live with dignity. **The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 17/18.**

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2

Give Christmas cheer to the needy by bringing donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, baby food, etc.) to the church the weekends of **November 24/25 or Dec. 1/2**. Your contributions will be sent to the Georgina food bank to help the poor.

Last Christmas, thanks to St. Luke's generous parishioners, the Georgina food bank was able to help hundreds of families.

INTERCESSORY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The St. Luke's Prayer Group will hold a Praise and Worship that is primarily focused on intercession - praying for the needs and concerns of others - on **Wednesday, November 14 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the church hall**. Pray over for healing will be available for those who require it. One of our parishioners will also present a testimony of God's love and healing. The service will end with a fellowship and light snacks.

Prayers and petitions can be dropped off at the petitions box in the church lobby. All prayers and petitions will be lifted up at the Praise and Worship.

Please join us in praise and worship as we lift up the needs of our brothers and sisters in the community with prayers and songs.

For more information please contact Josie Vitolo at 905-764-6221 or Lydia Bustamante at 905-881-7363.



SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life workers are active in the grade schools and high schools educating our children about Right to Life issues – but they need our financial support.

You can buy beautiful religious Christmas cards that will please everyone on your Christmas card list. Cards are sold in boxes of \$10 for only \$8.

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