

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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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"/>

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

The readings today aim to focus our minds on an overall view of life's purpose so as to encourage us to live on a more spiritual level. We are on an earthly pilgrimage and have within us deep-seated longings for a better world. At journey's end we are hoping for an everlasting happiness, for a bright dawn to emerge out of our present darkness. What is important to remember is that our own death spells the end of our particular world. At that moment, life's mission is accomplished and we go forward to meet Christ face to face. It may happen at any time and we've got to be prepared for the encounter. While we cannot avoid a sudden death, we can take steps against an unprepared death by living each day carefully as if it is our last and by keeping God ever in our sights.

GOD'S GENEROSITY

Many years ago, I read a book by an Irish Nun who was blessed to witness many miracles in her life. One thing she wrote that has stayed with me ever since is that God cannot be outdone in generosity. No matter what we do for God he always outdoes our actions by many times.

This was the case a couple weeks ago at a First Communion retreat. It was a small group so we divided them into three groups. We try to let them stay with their friends so we permitted a group of five energetic boys to stay together. I led them into the sacristy and could soon tell that they were in no mood to listen or sit still. When I would get one to calm down another would begin to wind up and so on and so forth. At one point I was trying to share with them the meaning of the vestments to little avail and I worried if they would learn anything on the retreat.

I continued with the boys and over time they calmed down a little bit. I then met with the second group and closed with the last group of four children.

I brought the last group into the church and we sat close to the tabernacle. Instead of doing all the talking as I had done with the previous two groups, I decided I would let them take the lead so I asked them how often they attended church. Each of them shared that their families did not attend very often so I asked them how it felt to be sitting in the church now. What they shared completely shocked me. Innocently enough and without trying to win my praise the first child told me that he felt like Jesus was tugging on his heart. The second said she felt peaceful and quiet. The third said she felt Jesus was watching over her as she prayed and the fourth said he felt like he had come home. I was deeply moved by their spontaneous responses and my heart was filled with joy. I was so stressed trying to teach them about the faith and here they were teaching me. They knew one thing instinctively and that was how it felt to be in the presence of Christ.

Through their sharing God responded to my insecurities revealing yet again that he cannot be outdone in generosity, he reminded me that he is alive and well, dwelling in everyone and filled my heart with gratitude for being able to journey with the children and Jesus on their paths to reconciliation and communion.

John Humphries



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Mhret Gheremariam**
- Tuesday Souls of **Antonia & Nazareno Rinaldi, Silvana Belli, Joseph Thomas, Jamal Rahmani**
- Wednesday Soul of **Mhret Gheremariam**
- Thursday Soul of **Alanson McDonell**
- Friday Soul of **Cecila & Agripino Manalo**

LITTLE BLUE BOOK FOR ADVENT

The Circle of Friends will be selling the "Little Blue Book". Daily reflections for Advent and the Christmas Seasons in the narthex after each Mass this weekend for \$3.50 each. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with a six-minute reflection.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

November 18, 2018



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 are going to support **Saint Patrick's Parish, Yellowknife, North West Territories**. For more information, please call Helen at 905 707-7823.



The Shepherds' Trust

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The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese this weekend.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

Special envelopes marked Christmas Basket Program will be available next week in the pews and in the Narthex. Please place your donations in the envelope and drop it into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box. The funds will be used to purchase gift cards and will be distributed according to the size of the family. **Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent Paul. Please make cheques payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

MOSAIC INTERFAITH

From Abraham: Three Faiths Series

Topic: **"Can the Violence in our Scriptures Justify Violence in Today's World?"**

Sunday November 25 - 2:00 – 4:00 p. m.

Jaffari Islamic Centre; 9000 Bathurst St.

Discussion by: The Rev. Canon John Hill, Rabbi Michael Stroh, Dr. Liyakat Takim

If you have **any questions please call Natalie** at ext 235



SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life religious Christmas cards will be on sale in the Narthex after all masses this weekend and next.



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.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the children's choir and perform in the pageant for the family mass on Christmas Eve. This is a very special event that enables the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season. All abilities are most welcome. The choir and pageant will hold rehearsals on **Sunday afternoons, starting November 18**. For those who are interested, please fill out the form found at goo.gl/okLT2Q by **November 30th**. Thank you!

TUNA CASSEROLES

The Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due next **Sunday, November 25th** (last Sunday of the month).

Thank you for continued support. We welcome any new volunteers. Please contact Kay Holker (416-493-0906) or Bev McMahon (905-889-2905).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393 will hold a **membership drive** to invite new members on **this weekend after each Mass**. All Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus.

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

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