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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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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	For Envelopes, please contact usher <input type="checkbox"/>
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This week’s gospel invites us to make a response to Christ’s call to “Come, follow me.” It is the will of the Good Shepherd that we follow his lead and play our part in helping him to build up his kingdom on earth. This may involve a call to change our way of life and a letting go of past values.

Vocation Sunday speaks of a divine plan unfolding in all of our lives and of the need to put our trust in God who will show us how to co-operate with it. In whatever work we do, we have so much to give and so much to receive. We are called to embrace the challenges of the gospel in our daily lives and act in such a way as to make a difference in our world. The best thing we can do for others is to help them discover how best to find God, discover love and search for a way to serve people in their lives.

This Easter season is a time to ask where is my life taking me? We need to deepen within us that desire to serve and love God in our lives, and encourage others in the way they feel called to respond to his love.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Intentions of Rose Amodeo
Tuesday	Souls of Rosina & Titta Zannese Souls of Ofelia & Cupertino Saldanha Soul of Robert Rajasingham Soul of Laima O’Sullivan Soul of Maggie D’Abreu
Wednesday	Soul of Vicky Luis
Thursday	Soul of Jeremiah Mhlanga
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

The Face of a Confirmed Catholic

Jose was 13-year-old young man living in Sahuayo, Mexico. On a February evening as Jose and his family were finishing dinner, loud banging could be heard on the front door. “Policia Federales!” yelled a man on the other side of the door. The front door burst open. Yelling and screaming ensued. Jose’s family was beaten and arrested. Jose was dragged away from his family in handcuffs.

What was Jose’s family’s crime? They were Catholic.

In 1928 the Mexican government declared war on Catholicism. Churches were boarded shut and people were forced to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ.

Jose was violently asked to renounce his faith in Jesus. His response? “Viva Cristo Rey!” “Long live Christ the King!” Jose was tortured yet he stilled cried out “Viva Cristo Rey!”

Beaten and humiliated, soldiers forced Jose to march through his village to the graveyard. Jose was forced to dig his own grave. Falling to his knees, he made the sign of the cross with blood dripping from his head. He was then shot. Jose lived a life and died a death like that of Jesus.

Jose Sanchez del Rio was canonized a saint on October 16, 2016 by Pope Francis.

Sealed for Battle

The oil that we are anointed with at Baptism and again at Confirmation is a sign of a seal. In ancient Rome, soldiers were marked with the seal of their leader. The seal showed two things: 1) The soldiers belonged to their leader 2) the soldiers would follow their leader. They’ve become students or disciples. When the priest/bishop, who is Christ’s representative, marks us with Christ seal – the Cross – we become bound to Christ’s teachings, even onto death.

Getting Equipped

A good leader always equips his men with the proper tools to win battles. In Confirmation, Christ equips us with the gift of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge and fear of the Lord (reverence for God). The ultimate spiritual nutrition we receive is Christ’s body and blood made present in the Eucharist at every Mass. Mass is our weekly training session where we are reminded what is at stake and we are refueled by God’s word and Christ’s body and blood.

Not a Choice for Everyone

Now here’s the challenging bit. Once we receive the seal of Confirmation, we have two choices. We can hang up our boots and tools and allow them to collect dust. Or we can “fight the good fight” on the frontlines, like St. Jose, the recent Sri Lankan saints, the apostles and countless men, women and children throughout the centuries who stayed faithful to their leader, Jesus Christ.

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*

PARISH NEWS



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

For the month of May, the statue of Mary is available for display in your home, as you pray the rosary with family & friends.

Throughout the month, the statue will travel to other homes. The sign up schedule is available in the narthex. On May 31st, the statue will return to the church where we will gather at 7:00pm to pray the rosary as a community.

ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

2019 PARISH GOAL - \$147,000.00

Collection to date - \$ 82,931.55

Living the gospel by helping those with addictions

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

June 2nd is the next ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, May 11th

Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393, will accept donations for The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation on Sunday, May 11th after all masses. The donations will help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children whose families cannot afford them.

For a donation of \$195.00, you will receive a beautiful certificate with a photo of the wheelchair recipient.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt

EDGE CAMP 2019

Registration Deadline May 15th

Families with children in grades 5-8 are invited to register for Edge Camp 2019. Edge Camp is a Catholic outdoor camp that will be held at Camp White Pine, in Haliburton from August 25-29th.

For more information, please visit

<https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry>

or contact Greg Garda @ SaintLukesYM@gmail.com or at ext 232.

The cost is \$475 for the entire camp.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

A St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot this weekend **May 11/12th** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods**. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

THANK YOU!

TOTUS TUUS Day Camp 2019

Totus Tuus registrations are now open for the day and evening programs.

Day Program

Who: Students entering grades 1-6

When: July 22-26 from 9am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$60 first child & \$30 for each additional child

Evening Program

Who: Students entering grades 7-12

When: July 21-25 from 7pm-9pm

Cost: \$30

To register please visit

<https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry>

OR <http://eepurl.com/gkvfU1>



St. Luke's CWL

Spring Trip to Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

Thursday May 16th, 2019

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