St. Luke's Parish

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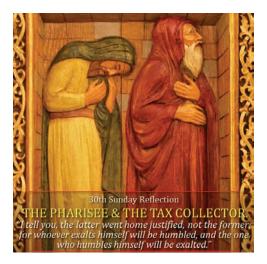
Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M. Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M. Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M. Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M. Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786 PARISH St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke St. Robert C.H.S. Saint John Paul II St. Anthony's SCHOOLS: 141 Kirk Dr. 135 Green Lane 8101 Leslie St. 155 Red Maple Rd. Richmond Hill L4B 4P9 Thornhill Thornhill Thornhill 905-889-7420 905-881-2300 905-889-4982 905-709-3134/709-3136 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 NamePhone..... Address Postal Code.....

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Envelopes

New Parishioner



Prayer must come from a sincere and humble heart if it is to be heard. We have to be honest about our sinfulness in God's eyes, and our need for mercy and forgiveness. This gospel contains a warning for all of us about the danger of becoming spiritually smug and of presenting ourselves as deserving subjects of God's mercy because of the good works we have performed. We have not earned our salvation, for grace is the gift of Jesus from the cross. In this gospel, Jesus cautions against contempt, snobbery and of thinking ourselves better than our neighbor. He knows who and what we are. We are all sinners and deeply in need of opening our hearts to his merciful love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Jeffrey Smith
Tuesday	Soul of Americo Gorrizan
	Souls of Nilla, Giovanni & Antonio
	Gorrizan
	Soul of Cristoforo Zitoli
	Soul of Steve Durham
	Soul of Joseph Fernandes
Wednesday	Soul of Dr. Franco Burgada
Thursday	Soul of Robert Henry
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

We pray for the sick in our community, that the Lord may let his face shine generously on them, especially: Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, San Hu and Elona

PRAYER REQUEST LINE 905 881-2786 ext. 250

Vulnerability

One fundamental quality we all share is vulnerability. No matter how wealthy or connected we may be, in comparison to the magnitude of the universe, we are but grains of sand. In this perspective, it is easier to be empathetic towards others, because our shared smallness and vulnerability demonstrates our need for God and one another. This is a reflection I had two weeks ago, after viewing an ultrasound of our fourth child. She (or he) seemed content just moving around, sucking her thumb and sticking her tongue out. It is amazing how much life she showed at just 13 weeks: so small – the size of orange – and so vulnerable, but with a rapidly beating heart.

Little did she suspect she was on trial – her fate was being decided. After taking our basic information, our doctor began going over all the options we had to determine the 'health' of our baby. There were three different screening tests for genetic disorders such as Downs Syndrome and our conversation lasted about 15 minutes. How ironic, and tragic, that a time my wife and I should have been celebrating the arrival of new life, our doctor spent most of her time explaining diagnostic tools that would potentially terminate it.

A great sadness came over me as I wondered how *any* condition could determine that this child did not deserve to live. How could poverty, convenience, shame, fear, perceived imperfection or even her sex supersede the value of the young life I had just beheld? In marriage, we vow to be faithful until death do us part, and yet that vow does not extend to our offspring – the very incarnation of our love. However, in my heart, I was already willing to give my life for this child.

As I continued to reflect, the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus came to mind. Like my unborn child, Jesus remained silent for most of his trial as others decided his fate. I suppose Jesus knew that nothing he could say would soften the hardened hearts of his accusers. The same is true of the unborn: Regardless of how much science speaks of their humanity and individuality – and hence, their inherent dignity and right to life – their evidence is shoved aside. Jesus was then stripped and crucified, the epitome of vulnerability. Like the unborn, he died having committed no sin, a spotless, helpless, naked victim.

Yet we Christians are a people of hope, and it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Christ rose after three days – death does not have the last word. Let us acknowledge and embrace our own vulnerability, and with the help of God's grace, which is always sufficient for us, let his power perfect our weakness and allow us to courageously assert that a person is a person – no matter how small. Finally, let us never forget Our Lady's immortal words at Fatima: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart *will* prevail." John Humphries.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss ways to have the voices of the unborn heard at john.humphries@rogers.com.



OUT OF THE COLD

Out of the Cold 2019, starts Thursday, November 21st and we urgently need:

VOLUNTEERS: You can sign up this weekend in the narthex. We are looking for volunteers for various stations, including food preparers, kitchen help, servers, clothing support and cleanup crew.

CLOTHING: We are ready to receive your gently used winter clothing for both men and woman (no children's clothing please). Please drop off your clothing donations in the parish hall. If you have any questions please call Natalie Doucet at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on Friday evening, November 1st^d at 7:00 p.m. It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

If a family member or friend has passed within the past year, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail their name to st.lukesparish@rogers.com by Thursday, October 31st.

All Souls envelopes will be available in the pew pockets for intentions, following which they will rest at the altar during the month of November.

Friday, November 1st is also the first Friday of the month. Please join us for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following our All Souls mass.

** There is no change to our Friday morning mass, which will proceed as scheduled at 8:00am.

HOLYLAND ART

Watch for Holyland Art in the parish hall the weekend of Nov 16/17. There will be a variety of religious items for sale just in time for Christmas!

FROM ABRAHAM 3 FAITHS <u>A Mosaic Interfaith Panel Discussion</u> Sunday October 27th 2:30 – 4:30pm

Topic: "Reforming Tradition" - How can we reform tradition and still be loyal to that tradition. Rev. Canon John Hill, (Christianity) Panelists: Rabbi Michael Stroh (Judaism)

(Islam) Dr. Liyakat Takin St. Luke's Catholic Parish (Hall) Location: Any questions please contact Natalie at ext 235.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to Saint Vincent de Paul's Bundle-Up weekend. Your donations will be a great help in our efforts to assist our neighbors in need. Also heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who assist with loading up the truck.

THANK YOU!

2021 CWL National Convention Fundraiser Concert

Sunday, October 27th at 2:00pm St. Edward the Confessor Parish Tickets \$20 per person – See the bulletin board



CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The CWL will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar in the parish hall the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1st. You don't want to miss it!

The 29th Annual Mass of Memory
Sunday Nov. 3rd at 3:00pmSt. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Toronto

Enjoy Sacred/Celtic Prelude by The Irish Choral Society of Canada beginning at 2:30pm. Reception follows downstairs in the Basilica hall. For more info call Mairead 416 264 5363.

Thanks!



To all the generous donors who helped make our Thanksgiving Food Drive such a success. We collected 7 grocery carts of food for our needy neighbors in the Georgina area.

Thanks also to those who give at our Saint Vincent de Paul poor boxes located in the narthex. Your donations enable us to provide food vouchers to the needy in our community, help our twin in the Dominican Republic, and support the Society's Special Works in the GTA.



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