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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
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Discernment - Discerning God's Voice

Life is full of decisions and choices we must constantly make. Some are small, like what shall I wear today or what shall I have for lunch. These do not have a major impact on our life but others are important decisions that can change our life forever. Discernment however is more than and different from making decisions. Vinita H. Wright states, "Discernment enables us to assess situations, pay attention to various clues, approach our decision making prayerfully, and ultimately choose well according to our faith and our life situation."(Discernment at Different Stages of Life)

I was reading an article by Fr. Ron Rolheiser recently where he talks about how we are constantly surrounded by many voices. There is rarely a moment in our life when something or someone isn't calling out for our attention. We are quite often left wondering, "Which is the voice of God? How do we recognize God's voice among and within all of these other voices? (R. Rolheiser - I am the Good Shepherd)

Discernment requires that we quieten the voices around us, remove all the distractions and noises, and learn to be present to one's inner self. It means learning to hear and listen to one's own inner voice, at the core of one's own deepest self and truth; where we believe the Spirit of God dwells and moves and speaks and calls within us. We believe that God is constantly trying to reveal God's self to each one of us by using the ordinary things we experience. In our family, friends, and the familiar events of our everyday life, through the stranger and new experiences. Most especially in the poor, the outcast, and through those events that shake us to the core. God is trying to say, "Here I am. Listen." When we hear God's voice, and are challenged to make a change or to be more resolved, or discover who God want us to be and make a decision to act; this is called *discernment*.

The Rite of Acceptance

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Candidates have been preparing for the Rite of Acceptance. The Inquirers have been discerning or paying attention to God's voice and the changes happening in their life choices, changes that shape who they are and who they will become. They have been praying and discerning God's presence; recognizing that there is a dialogue going on between God and themselves. The process involves conversion to Jesus. It is not so much about hours or sessions spent participating but rather the outward signs of an internal conversion. When a person's mind and heart turn more readily to Jesus, we can see it in the visible actions and attitudes of that person.

The Rite is a celebration whereby the Inquirers declare to the Church community their intention to continue the RCIA process. The church welcomes and accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. This celebration of the Rite of Acceptance (Rite of Welcoming) signifies the **beginning of the Period of the Catechumenate**. At St. Luke's this rite is being celebrated this weekend at the 10:30 Mass. Please take the opportunity to say "hello" and to welcome our Catechumens. Pick a name from the envelope and pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.

Antoinette

The one thing we can all be sure of is the inevitability of death. As we grow older, we realize more clearly that death is not something that happens to other people but a personal appointment we must all keep. Waiting for God's judgement day is a reminder of the serious nature of life's pilgrimage. The month of November is a fitting time to do some serious thinking on this aspect of our faith. This time of year, when growth has ceased, trees are bare, the weather is cooler and nights are long, nature seems to be preaching its own silent sermon about the end of things. In November, we remember those who have gone before us – family and friends who have already rounded the corner on the road to eternity. When we remember the dead, their lives live on. Whether we lay a wreath, light a candle or visit a grave there is a tug of the heart and memories of them can be consoling and strengthening. Time spent in remembrance is an act of love. Ever since the first Good Friday on the Hill of Calvary when the repentant thief cried out "Lord, remember me, when you come into your kingdom," this prayerful holding of people in mind and in heart has been at the center of the life of the church. Our belief is that we shall all meet again, and that those who live in the Lord will never see each other for the last time.

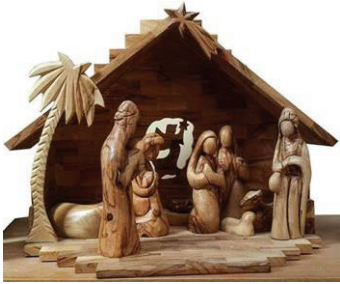
MASS INTENTIONS

Table with 2 columns: Day and Intention. Monday: Soul of Jim Apolius; Tuesday: Souls of Gord McMahon, Evelyn Alde, Elisa Mirabueno, Elizabeth Flynn, Intentions of Kevin Arcand; Wednesday: Mass of Thanksgiving - George & Anna Pinto; Thursday: Soul of Geny Toribio; Friday: Intentions of Maria Lai Keok Kwee.

We pray for the sick in our community, that they may be touched by the healing power of God's mercy and compassion, especially: Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, San Hu, Grant Kennedy, Ashling Reilly, Timothy Hourigan, Christiane Parent and Elona

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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PARISH NEWS



HOLYLAND ART

November 16/17

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, is the sale of hand crafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the

community due to declining tourism. We are fortunate to have a variety of these beautiful items for sale in the parish hall the weekend of **Nov 16/17**, just in time for Christmas! Your support will help strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



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!

OUT OF THE COLD 2019

Begins Thursday, Nov 21st.

CLOTHING: Please bring any clean, gently used winter clothing for both men and woman (no children's clothing please) to the parish hall. If you have any questions please call Natalie Doucet at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

2019

The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393 is inviting all parishioners for a Christmas Party at our Council chamber. The Knights will be providing food (chicken or veal dinner) and wine.

Venue: 10 Harlech Court, Thornhill, L3T 6L5

When: Saturday, November 30, 2019

Who: All Parishioners

Time: Karaoke 6:00 pm (Sing and Dance)

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$30 single, \$50 couples,
(children under 12 are free!)

To register, please contact in person or by email:

Fletcher Pereira – fletcher.pereira@gmail.com

Bill Withers – billbrodiebill@gmail.com

George Hung – georgehung@gmail.com

Joseph D'Souza – joedsouza2006@gmail.com



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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 the weekend of November 16/17.**

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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be selling their knitted items on the weekend of **Saturday, November 23rd** and **Sunday, November 24th**.

All proceeds will go to charity. For more information, please call Helen at 905 770-7823.



ADVENT CANDLES & HOLDERS

Advent candles & holders will be for sale in the narthex the weekends of Nov 17/18 and Nov 23/24.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday November 11th



On Monday, Canadians will pause in silence to remember those who served our country for the freedoms we enjoy today. Let us also examine what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus provides to us in the Beatitudes.

A reminder to students in grades 5-8 to join us for EDGE on Friday, November 15th from 7 – 9pm

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