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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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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus told us if we follow in his footsteps, we will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. One of the graces we receive from the **Sacrament of Baptism** is the courage to face the challenges we meet on our pilgrim journey.
At the start of another year, let us renew our personal commitment to Christ and review the elements of our saving service to others. This feast is a reminder of the way of life to which we have been called in baptism. It should remind us of our own baptism in consecrated waters and of the coming of the Holy Spirit that cleansed our souls from the stain of sin. We are invited to follow the Lord with enthusiasm and faith and to say no to a life of selfishness by taking on a life of love. This is an occasion to express our gratitude and appreciation for our new life as adopted children of God. Let us be thankful for all those who have shared their faith with us and have helped us to know how precious we are in God's sight.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of **Antonio Carvalho**
Tuesday	Soul of **Ita Sutikno**
	Soul of **Joyce Jones-Turk**
	Souls of **Munira & Bolard Lamooza**
	Soul of **Edmond Wong**
	Soul of **Eufemia Azuela**
Wednesday	Soul of **Julie McQueen**
Thursday	Soul of **Joyce Jones-Turk**
Friday	Soul of **Anna Kok Mee Chin**

Please pray for the sick in our community, that their faith and hope may be firmly anchored in Christ who is the resurrection and the life, especially: Tony da Camara Jr., Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, Grant Kennedy, Ashling Reilly, Timothy Hourigan, Nicholas Lepone, Mary Holt, Marita Salvosa, Sam Accardi, Anna Chan and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

The Mystery of Life?

One lovely summer's day around noon, there was a deep stillness over all the forest. The birds had tucked their heads under their wings, and everything was at rest.
Then a bullfinch popped his head up and asked, "What is life? Everyone was struck by this profound question.
A rose was just emerging from her bud, and was opening up one shy petal after another, rejoicing in the newly discovered sunlight. 'Life is a Becoming,' she said.
The butterfly was less philosophical. He flew blithely from one flower to another, snacking everywhere on the delicious nectar. 'Life is pure pleasure and sunshine,' he announced.
Down on the ground, an ant was laboring under the weight of a piece of straw ten times his size. He said, 'Life is nothing but toil and sweat and strain.'

There might have been quite an argument about the meaning of life, had not a fine rain begun to fall, and the rain spoke: 'Life consists of tears, nothing but tears.'
High above the forest, an eagle swooped, making majestic curves in the sky. 'Life, spoke the eagle, 'is a constant search for happiness, and a string of disappointments.'
After the long, dark night, at last the dawn came, rising pink on the eastern skyline. 'Just as I, the dawn, am the start of the new day, so life is the beginning of eternity.'
(Retelling of a Swedish legend (Margaret Silf)

The world abounds in 'wisdom stories'. Some of them suggest explanations for who we are and how we came to be who we are. Others offer guidance on how to live, how to relate to each other and how to cope with life's joys and crises. Almost all of them can be engaged with at different levels −from the simple delight of a child at bedtime, to the probing of the adult mind and heart into the deepest mysteries of life. *Wisdom Stories by Margaret Silf*

Margaret Silf on searching for meaning, "To be alive in a universe that reveals its meanings to us, through science and through art, through the life and growth of all creatures and through our own attempts to live our lives according to values of harmony and cooperation, is to ponder the source of these underlying meanings in the mystery of things."

I enjoy stories. Some of my most treasured moments, are my memories of childhood; of sitting by the fire with my grandparents telling me stories about their youth and their life experiences; about truths and meaning of everyday living. Stories I find have a subtle way of 'breaking open' and bringing meaning to some of life's mysteries.

Antoinette

Church EVENTS

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC FUNERAL HOME

invites you to an information session on **Saturday, February 15th at 9:30 am in the St. Luke's Parish Hall.** There will be a presentation on how to pre-arrange funerals and how to transfer funeral arrangements from one location to another. Very timely in view of the recent changes in the ownership of some long-standing family owned funeral homes. Come and have your questions answered. It's never too soon to prepare.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON DROP IN/LINE DANCING

Will resume Friday, January 17th.
2:00 – 3:30 pm
All are welcome!

LIFE TEEN - Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Life Teen Kick-off is Friday January 17th at 7:00pm for student in grades 9-12. Register online at http://bit.ly/St.LukesLifeTeenReg2020 or contact Alan Lee Hoy at st.lukesthym@gmail.com

2020 ASSIGNED ENVELOPES

If you have envelopes assigned to you please pick them up from the office. If you wish to start using assigned envelopes for your donations, please contact the office.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Please join us **Monday, January 13th** at 7:30pm for an evening of Praise & Worship in the parish hall. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

York Catholic District School Board
Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun in all York Catholic schools for the 2020-2021 school year. You can review the admission procedure on line and register your child for kindergarten on line. Your child will be welcomed into the Catholic Schools where a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is used to emphasize academic success. For more information contact www.ycdsb.ca/adminissions

MY PARISH APP

Join us for our app launch Sunday Jan. 19th and Sunday Feb. 2nd!

St. Luke's Parish will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Luke's Parish and better engaging the New Evangelization.

A TWO DAY INNER HEALING RETREAT with Heather McPhail MSc; PhD; MSW

Friday, January 24 (evening 6 to 9) and
Saturday, January 25 (day 9 to 4)
It is a wonderful opportunity to learn to heal from emotional hurts and learn how to maintain emotional well being. Heather brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to help you achieve these goals.
See the bulletin insert for complete details.
Registration requested.

A Celebration of Marriage In the Archdiocese of Toronto

Sunday February 9, 2020
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