

St. Luke's Parish

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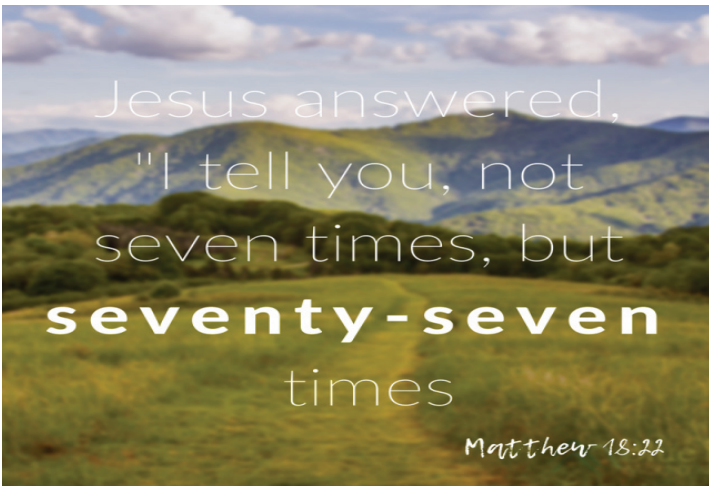
Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>



Net Worth

Recently, our 10-year-old son Hewi has been searching the internet for the net worth of various individuals. From JK Rowling, to Bill Gates and Pope Francis he wants to know how much they are all worth. Just a few days ago, the inevitable question came from our 8-year-old son Caleb: ‘Daddy, what is our net worth?’ I smiled and responded: “Probably somewhere between Pope Francis and JK Rowling.” At their age I didn’t have a clue what the term ‘net worth’ meant yet today they are keenly aware of it.

I asked my son Hewi if he desired to have a high net worth and he responded yes so I asked him why. He told me he wanted a high net worth so he could help the poor. I told him that he would have to work pretty hard because 80% of the world’s population or 6 billion people live on about \$10 a day or less so if he wanted to give these 6 billion people just one day off, he would have to save approximately 60 billion dollars.

Our discussion brought to light to a misconception prevalent in our world that justifies the accumulation of wealth as long as something good eventually comes from it. This is witnessed by such campaigns as the Giving Pledge, an organization whose stated goal is to inspire the wealthy to give at least half of their net worth to philanthropy, either during their lifetime or upon their death.

Christian ethics informs us that the end can never justify the means, so the selfish hoarding of the earth’s resources is never justified by their eventual distribution. This is echoed in the Gospel of Luke where Jesus says: ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.’

One only has to put themselves in the Creator's shoes and it becomes evident you would want your creation shared as equally as possible at all times and the fallacy of wealth accumulation is further undermined when examined in relative terms for even if a person were to become the world’s wealthiest person and owned all the earth’s resources, relatively they would still be very poor as they would own the resources of just 1 of the estimated 10 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 planets in the universe. Therefore, let us constantly beg God for the grace to see the net worth of a small circle of bread and to continually grow in our appreciation of its inestimable value and the same inestimable value of all our neighbours in the world.

John Humphries.

C. S. Lewis once said “Everyone says **Forgiveness** is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.” We would do well to acknowledge how difficult most us find this challenge especially if our hurts and resentments run deep. When Peter questioned the Lord, “How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?” he was more than surprised with the response: “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven”.

Everyone inflicts wounds and everyone needs to be forgiven. Just as God shows us mercy and forgiveness we in our turn are expected to be merciful and forgiving to each other. Life is too short to be wasted on stoking the fires of resentment. Only when we have grasped the immense mercy of God in forgiving us our own sins can we truly offer forgiveness to those who have offended us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Osbert Francis D’Sylva
Tuesday	Soul of Sandra Cordeiro Soul of Bernard Hannan Soul of Josie Boiani Intentions of Luke Jang Soul of Ita Sutikno
Wednesday	Souls of Anil & Cleo
Thursday	Intentions of Aiden Kwong
Friday	Intentions of Raphael Kwon

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:

Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Nicholas Lepone, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Austin Delaney, Edana Pelliccione, Angela Missaghian, and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

LEBANON – DISASTER RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Lebanon Disaster Relief through our parish.
We raised **\$8,485.00**

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

There will be a limited number of registrations available for each weekend mass on line using the Event Brite link.

<https://stlukesthornhill.eventbrite.ca>

or you can find the link on our website at stlukesth@archtoronto.org under Parish Events.

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Registrations open at 9:00am Friday mornings.

Yes, you are required to register each week. There is no opportunity to book weeks in advance.

No, you do not have to register for weekday masses.

Parishioners who register are required to be **seated** in the church at least 15 minutes before mass begins or the reserved seat will be released to parishioners waiting in line.

Mandatory Use of Masks at Church

Masks or face coverings are mandatory **inside** all public places in York Region. This includes churches. Upon entering the church, please wear a mask or face covering and wear it correctly – **covering your mouth and nose.**

We are still in the middle of a pandemic and need to take the appropriate steps to minimize any potential spread of the Covid-19 virus. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

As more parishioners return to weekend mass, we are looking for volunteers to assist as ushers & cleaners. If you are 18 years of age, able to and interested in volunteering for weekend masses, please fill out the Volunteer Contact Information Form at <https://bit.ly/St-Lukes-Volunteer-Contact>.

You will be required to attend an orientation session.

If you have any questions, you can email either st.lukesparish@rogers.com or stlukesthym@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Ontario **Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle** known as “Charities Lottery” has been operating for over 40 years. This year’s lottery will support Special Olympics Ontario, Arthritis Society and various other Charities.

The 2020 Lottery was suspended due to COVID-19 but tickets will be available again in September for \$5.00 each and the draw date has been changed from May 29, 2020 to **October 30, 2020.**

Points to Consider Before Coming to Mass

1. Please use your home washroom before coming to church. **Our washrooms are closed.**
2. Masks or face covering are now mandatory.
3. Sanitizer is required when entering the Parish. You are welcome to use your own sanitizer when entering the building.
4. Be prepared for an usher to escort you to the next available seat.
5. Please stay in your seat once seated except for communion.
6. **Please no singing during mass.**
7. Communion will be distributed in the hand only,
8. There will be no collection during mass. Offerings may be left in the baskets in the narthex or you can donate on-line.
9. No handshakes during the sign of peace.
10. No touching of statues.
11. Holy water fonts will be empty.
12. Most paper resources are not available.
13. You are welcome to contact the Parish office on weekdays to purchase Missals, Mass Cards or if you require Holy Water refills.
14. Most areas of the parish building are now considered **RESTRICTED**, including the Tabernacle, the hall, our washrooms, the kitchen and the north entrance. Please do not enter these areas.
15. When mass is over we ask that you leave the building immediately to permit sanitizing for the next mass.
16. Please follow the directions of our ushers and volunteers at all times. Thank you for your patience.
17. Due to limited spacing, please only attend mass once each weekend.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS COMING UP

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