

St. Luke's Parish

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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
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The Feast of St. Luke - Oct 18



St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. Tradition holds that the same author wrote both the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. To be accepted by the church at the end of the 2nd century, a Gospel needed a claim to apostolic authority. Luke rests upon the authority of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. It is thought that Luke accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys as the occasional use of “we” in Acts suggests.

Women have an important place in Luke’s Gospel. Luke writes about the women who accompanied Jesus, such as Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary and “many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples” (Luke 8:1).

It is only in the Gospel of Luke that tells the story of Mary’s Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth and the Magnificat. In Luke’s Gospel, we see the origins of the Hail Mary. We hear the words of the angel Gabriel “*Hail, full of grace; the Lord is with you*”(Luke 1:28). When Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth *exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your wom”* (Luke 1:41-42

The Gospel of Luke focuses on the poor and oppressed, encouraging compassion for the less fortunate. The parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man and the Parable of the Good Samaritan is found only in Luke. It is only in the Gospel of Luke that we hear Jesus’ mission statement: “*The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...*”(Luke 4:16 -18) What does it mean to bring good news to the poor in one of the richest countries in the world where over 3 million people live below the poverty line.

The pandemic has opened our eyes to the many inequalities and injustices in our society - needs of the poor, the homeless, those who suffer from mental health issues, the elderly, those in nursing homes, those who face discrimination, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. The list could go on. Pope Francis, noting that the widespread suffering caused by the global corona virus pandemic does not fall evenly, suggested that the crisis warranted the establishment of a universal basic income. In our own way, we can all continue Christ’s mission to make the pursuit of justice and the practice of charity an integral part of our faith through prayer, by gaining knowledge about the issues and through action.

Natalie Doucet

In today’s Gospel reading, Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying something that can be construed as treason against the Romans. Jesus answers by saying “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what is God’s.” The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar’s. However, the point Jesus is making is that each one of us is God’s because each of us bears stamped in our soul, the image of God.

It is an honour to be created in the image of God, however such honour carries responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul is bent by envy, hatred or narcissistic possessiveness, the image of God in that person is warped. When others look at the face of that person, they will see only a distortion of God’s image, and so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God?

The same line of Christ’s that leads to such grief also gives consolation. Just as Caesar’s money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ, God will make his image lovely in each one of us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Stephen Chua
Tuesday	Soul of Josie Boiani Soul of Gigi Lirios Soul of Steve Durham Soul of Robert Sutikno Soul of Edita Papa
Wednesday	Deceased family & friends of John & Theresa Lee
Thursday	Soul of Joseph Fernandes
Friday	Deceased members of the Wong & Chan Families

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Monday evening, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members & friends and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

The names of those who have died since November 2019 will be mentioned in a special way.

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 **Friday, October 30th**.

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, Rosalina Bustamante, and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Oct 18, 2020

Today every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday.

Good Shepherd Casserole Program

The Good Shepherd Casserole Program remains suspended due to the COVID-19 virus, however bagged lunches are still being prepared to help feed the many hungry people in Toronto. Your donations of **Mayonnaise, Mustard, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Bottled Water, Small Juice Boxes, Sliced Bread and Individually Wrapped Cookies** are greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted at the parish North West doors.

Points to Consider Before Coming to Weekend Mass

1. **Our washrooms are closed.**
2. Masks or face coverings are now mandatory.
3. Sanitizer is required when **entering** the Parish. You are welcome to use your own sanitizer but please apply it in front of our greeters.
4. An usher will 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 is still being 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 or drop off in the mailbox at the north doors.
9. No handshakes during the sign of peace.
10. No touching of statues.
11. Holy water fonts will be empty.
12. Bulletins are now available but are not permitted in the sanctuary. Please pick up a copy on your way out.
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 remain closed including 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.
18. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to the parish.

MASKS

Masks or face coverings are mandatory **inside** all public places in York Region. Upon entering the parish building, please wear a mask or face covering and wear it correctly – **covering your mouth, nose and chin** for the duration of time you are in the parish.

If for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

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