

St. Luke's Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family



A Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God the Father, draw us into
Your arms, that we might
know how cherished we are
as members of Your family.
May our homes and our
hearts be living expressions
of Your desire to gather all
people into Your family,
now and forever, Amen.



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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Season)

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among
men with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14)*

Glory to God in the highest! The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord has begun... Merry Christmas! Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth!

This past week I was fortunate to be able to spend a few more days than usual with my youngest grandchildren. One might say that a certain excitement was in the air as they spoke about Santa's arrival with lots of goodies... But what caught my attention was a simple drawing by my grandson of the Nativity scene, displayed prominently on the counter. He had drawn a simple (card type) drawing on a sheet of white paper. The paper was folded to create doors that opened on the scene of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus in the center. It was magical in its simplicity!

When I questioned him to explain his drawing to me, he simply said, “It's the birth of baby Jesus with Joseph and Mother Mary. The doors open so that we can see baby Jesus!”

To unravel the mystery of the birth of Christ, the Son of God, we must open wide the doors of our heart and approach with humility and simplicity to allow the true meaning of the message to be unfolded. More than anything else, this Christmas season should be a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in our lives. God understands human life because He lived it.

In the midst of all that, we have experienced so far this year and all that is happening in our world with Covid-19, and masks and physical distancing, etc... God is very close to us. This is the good news! This is the news we can share with our family and friends and others this Christmas.

I extend to you all Christmas blessings, to you and your family and friends, of Peace, Joy and Love this Christmas season. May the Peace of Christmas rule in your hearts, and may the Glory of God shine all around you and the Hope of the Spirit encourage you at this time.

Merry Christmas!
Antoinette

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Fr. Nicola Ruggiero
Tuesday	Soul of Bryan Lynch
Wednesday	Soul of Aldwin Pedro Sr.
Thursday	New Year's Eve
Friday	New Year's Day

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, Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart
Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto and
baby Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

MASS

All public masses have been temporarily cancelled due to the current lock-down, which is expected to last until at least Jan 23rd. **This includes Christmas & New Year masses.** You are encouraged to view the many online/livestream/televised masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org and Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the livestreamed mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30am. The parish will be open for private prayer Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon beginning January 4th to a maximum of 8 people at any one time.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Luke's Parish Council 4393**

Join the Knights of Columbus or renew memberships on line at <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/index.html>

DONATE AND SAVE!

A quick reminder that the tax deadline is almost here. Donations must be received at the parish by December 31st for donations to be included in your 2020 tax receipt.

**REVISED OFFICE HOURS DURING
LOCK-DOWN PERIOD**

The parish office will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday during the revised lock-down period. The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00 pm. Closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch. The office is located at the NW entrance next to the garage.

If an urgent situation arises, please leave a voice mail at 905-881-2786 x 221 or email st.lukesparish@rogers.com

The parish building will be locked at all times so please call before arriving to arrange masses, pickup envelopes, missals or holy water. Upon entering the parish lobby, 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.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**



In view of the current lock down situation, it is anticipated we will be mailing out tax receipts for 2020. Please be sure we have your most current mailing information on our files. If you have moved or even changed your email or telephone number in the last few years, please let us know at st.lukesparish@rogers.com Thank you.

Reconciliations

During the lock-down, please contact Fr. Mark at ext 222 or Fr. Wen at ext 227 to arrange an appointment for reconciliation.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Beautiful knitted items are still available through the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please contact Helen at: 905-770-7823. All proceeds will go to the Georgina Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2021 donation envelopes are available. Please contact Lois at ext. 221 to arrange for pickup.



With thanks & appreciation for the thoughtful gifts and warm Merry Christmas wishes, we have received at the parish. May we all be blessed with better days ahead as we move into the New Year.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark, Fr. Wen, Fr. John & the parish staff


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