

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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“COME AND SEE” -- John 1:35-42

When was the last time you received an invitation? What expectations did you have? Have you ever been surprised by what you heard and saw? To where it led you? Invitations come in many shapes and sizes. Some come in the mail or in an e-mail. Others come on the street corner. Others come in ways unexpected. Some are personal, almost intimate. Others are general and impersonal. No matter their shape, size, or means, invitations ask us the same question: “Why don't you come and see?”

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites each one of us to “come and see”. A simple invitation and yet it can be an invitation to ponder some fundamental questions of life that challenges us. Questions such as, “What am I looking for? What am I aiming for and want out of life? What is the goal of my life? Searching questions that begs for deeper reflection as to where we are and where we are going. Questions we perhaps are asking ourselves during these trying times, during some sobering moments when we realize that we would like our lives to amount to more than just eating and sleeping. Times when we long for meaning, for purpose or identity or perhaps for healing.

Often we find ourselves constantly seeking to appease a deep desire within; a desire for something, which is difficult for us to name. Theologians have stated that at the core of our identity as humans is a desire to find ourselves, a desire for fulfillment, for love, a desire for the Divine, for God. St. Augustine taught that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. That means that the human heart is always restless and always seeks more until we encounter the source of love, which is God.

In this Gospel Jesus asks the most fundamental question of life – ‘What are you looking for?’ We respond to that question through all our choices, large and small, and our actions. When we seek out God whether it be by opening the Bible, through prayer, personal or with others in community, or in the sacraments; seeking makes us open to whatever experiences God has in store for us.

Some Questions to Ponder:

As I journey through life, do I stop and ask myself the question – ‘What am I looking for?’

What are the deepest longings of my restless heart? What am I aiming for and trying to get out of life?

So often, I have only half-heard the invitation of Jesus to come closer, to make my home with him. Why?

Perhaps, it is time to ask, “What are you looking for from me, Lord?”

Antoinette

Today's readings have a lot to say about the **Call of the Lord** and the meaning of discipleship. The question, “What are you looking for?” was asked not just of Andrew and Simon Peter, but is asked of each one of us today. It is couched in many forms: What is the purpose and centre of your life? Are you happy? Do you know where you are going? Whose voice and values are you following? How genuine is your discipleship? We will only find answers to these questions if we heed the advice of the old priest Eli, to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak Lord, your servant is listening.’”

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Departed Soul
Tuesday	Soul of Eufemia Peñoso Azuela Soul of Josie Boiani
Wednesday	Departed Soul
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Departed Soul

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:
Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius,
and Lily Pinto

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

MASS

Public masses are temporarily cancelled due to the current lock-down, which is expected to last until at least February 10th. 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 to a maximum of 8 people at any one time.



CONTACT INFORMATION

In view of the current lock-down situation, 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 past few years, please let us know at st.lukesparish@rogers.com Thank you.

REVISED OFFICE HOURS DURING LOCK-DOWN PERIOD

The parish office will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday during the current lock-down.

The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00 pm for the duration of the locked-down period. Closed from 12:00-2:00 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.

Reconciliations

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

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

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

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St. Luke's Parish Council 4393

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
“ABIDE IN MY LOVE ... YOU SHALL BEAR MUCH FRUIT” JOHN 15:1-17

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Sisters of Life and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus for the Church. The homilist will be David Wells, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Please join us virtually at [facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch](https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch)

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” expresses Grandchamp’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. “Abiding in Christ” is an inner attitude that takes root over time and it demands space to grow. As Christians, how can we express our personal relationship to Christ in a modern and socially oriented Church during challenging times, which can bring unity of the Christian family and all humanity? Give examples.


Read John 15:1-17, consult resources, and submit a 500 word essay that answers the given question.

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