

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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The “AUTHORITY” in my life?

This week I’d like to begin by asking you to keep in mind this question: Who or What is the *authority* in your life?

This word “authority” brings to mind, leaders, teachers, parents, coaches, or politicians. We at times may or may not agree with those in authority, we might struggle with their decisions or actions. I find this word, “authority”, typically brings to mind a negative connotation. Actually, the root of this word is “Author”, the originator or creator of something and is meant to be something we model our life or decisions from. Similar to when we say, “that doctor is the *authority* of that matter”, or “the Church is the *authority* on moral teaching”. So, for us in copying or following the *Authority* we are being *Authentic*.

Now, looking at our readings this week, in particular the first reading, it is striking and shocking to read that Moses tells his people that someone greater than him is coming and that this new figure would speak with the very words of God, that he would be the very voice of God.

Moses is the most important human person in the Old Testament, a person who contains in his office the title of priest, prophet and king; who led his people to freedom, gave them the sacred law and who every teacher and rabbi in Israel traces their own authority. Why would Moses speak of someone greater than himself? If Moses was “it”, would he not say to keep listening to him throughout the ages?

Now, as we read the Gospel this week, of one of Jesus’ first public appearances, what really catches my attention and the attention of those around Jesus at that time, is not so much that a miracle takes place, as amazing as that is, it’s the manner in which Jesus speaks. Jesus speaks as one having *authority*, as one out of His own substance. Jesus reveals His divinity, He speaks as the word of God that spoke to Moses, Jesus is speaking on His own *authority*. Jesus is the new figure Moses was talking about.

What does this mean for us today? As Moses said in the first reading, this means we must listen to Him! We must submit our life totally to Him, for there is no other. Jesus isn’t one among many, He is the one to whom we must listen to, and in doing so we will find the disordered parts of our life come back to order. As the man did in the gospel reading, in listening to Jesus, we will find peace

Reflect:

This week ask yourself, who or what am I modelling my decisions from? Is it from Jesus and His true teachings?

Sometimes it feels like only other people (maybe even only those in Bible stories) get messages from God. However, Moses promises that God will speak through people, while Paul reminds us that anxiety is not God’s plan for any of us. Jesus casts out a demon, and the people do not recognize who Jesus is until the demon names Him and is cast out. God is speaking in your life – perhaps through the voices of friends, family members, colleagues or strangers. Perhaps in your own frustration and irritation. Maybe even through the demons who attack your confidence, fill you with worry, tempting you to the same old sins. Whatever you need right now, God is speaking in a still small voice. If you are having trouble hearing, ask Him to help you listen, that you might hear the words He is whispering to give you new life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Mary Houston
Tuesday	Departed Souls
Wednesday	Soul of Joanne Doughney
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Soul of Rosa Loong

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.

St. Luke's mass is available on YouTube
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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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 450-500 word essay that answers the given question.

Contest Rules: All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, archdiocese of Toronto and judged on overall merit. Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essay must include contestant's full name, email address, phone number and name of your school on the front page of your essay.

Submission Deadline: **Monday, February 15, 2021**

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