

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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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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World Marriage Day/Family Day



Becoming parents is a tremendous blessing but also a tremendous challenge. When both spouses work full-time, they must negotiate child-care, job responsibilities, household chores and try to figure out when to spend time alone together. The marital relationship becomes a low priority as sheer exhaustion sometimes takes over. But the truth is, the best thing for children is a strong and healthy marriage. “We’re so accustomed to making our children the center of our world, but experts say that your marriage needs just as much nurturing.” I like to share with you a *Blessing Prayer for Couples*.

Blessing Prayer

May the ever-present **love** of family and friends sustain and support you, especially in those times when you feel alone and lonely.

May you accept your worthiness to receive **self-compassion**, to give yourself permission to care for your inner and outer self as best you can.

May you be in touch with the **resilience** residing within you, a strength that enables you to go on when you feel weak and vulnerable.

May you find **comfort** when you are hurting, and experience a tender presence of the Holy One when you are most distressed.

May the **beauty** contained in gestures of kindness, and in the loveliness of nature, bring you quiet joy.

May you give yourself to **restfulness** when you are weary, and be content with inactivity when your body and spirit demand that you go slowly.

May you be **patient** when you want things to change, or when difficulties appear to be insurmountable and unmanageable.

May you be **released** from the burdens of fear and dread, and anything else that tries to drag your spirit into desolation.

May you discover **hope** in the most unexpected situations, and store this treasure in a special corner of your heart where you can easily find it.

May you sink into the **peaceful** embrace of the Great Healer, and may this peace permeate you with divine tenderness.

Closing prayer (adapted from St. Augustine)

God of life, on the days when burdens weigh heavy on the heart and difficulties bring weariness, be the strength that is needed. When the road seems tedious and endless, and life has no music in it, be a spark of joy and light. Amen.

(Adapted from Joyce Rupp – Prayer Seeds)

World Marriage Day – Feb, 14, 2021/Family Day – Feb, 15, 2021
Antoinette

The gospel from Mark tells us that, after having spent the morning teaching in the synagogue, Jesus goes to Peter’s house, where he heals Peter’s ailing mother-in-law and dispels her fever. The heart of Jesus goes out to the suffering and he is unwilling to turn anyone away who is in need of his help. Everyone is looking to him for an answer to their problems and uncertainties. As he moves through the crowds, Jesus brings consolation and hope. By identifying with the sick and afflicted, Jesus is clearly indicating that suffering is part of God’s mysterious plan. Afterwards Jesus slips off in search of a quiet place where he can be alone and in silent prayer with his Father. Jesus is modeling what he may want of us – caring for the sick, time for people, moments for prayerful reflection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Miriam & Adelaide Howard
Tuesday	Soul of Julian Peñoso Soul of Elisa Peñoso Mirabueno Intentions of Jenny Pu
Wednesday	Intentions of Daniel Chan
Thursday	Mass of Thanksgiving from the John & Theresa Lee family
Friday	Mass for Blessings and Protection in the New Year from the John & Theresa Lee family

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:
Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius,
Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu and Daniel Chan

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. You can also watch St. Luke's Sunday mass at 10:30 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.

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



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.

York Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2021-2022 school year in all York Catholic District Schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

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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