

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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Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



While the physical disease of leprosy may not afflict us, there is a real sense in which all of us are as much in need of Jesus' healing touch as the man in today's gospel. Sin does to the soul what leprosy does to the body – it eats away at us and the only cure is to be reconciled with God and with other members of the community. We suffer from leprosy of sin and reject the presence of God in our lives when we cold-shoulder a neighbor. The gospel is stating that, through our warmth, the love and power that healed the leper can be at work in the world of today. We are invited to be Christ-like by reaching out to the isolated in our midst in order to affirm and renew them with our compassionate and healing touch.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Clive Joseph
Tuesday	Intentions of Phyllis Cheung Soul of Larry Gillespie Souls of David & Elizabeth Tavares Intentions of the family of David & Elizabeth Tavares Soul of Diane Giroux Souls of the Unborn
Wednesday	Soul of Joan Lookhong
Thursday	Souls of Oliverio and Isaias Quevedo
Friday	Soul of Nora Garvin

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

905 881-2786 ext. 250

LENT

This Wednesday ushers in the beginning of the Lenten invitation to yet again change our hearts and fall deeper in love with God and the things of God. The deeper we fall in love with God the more we cannot help but love and care about what God loves and cares about. What does God love? Us. *“Love one another even as I have loved you”* (John 13:34). God loves us deeply and invites our response - love one another – and the environment (climate change adversely affects current and future generations.)

The traditional Lenten Practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** have much wisdom. Lent can be a time to start new patterns and then continue them through-out the year. Usually we give up something but we could also add something to our daily lives during Lent – extra **prayer** time or service (this could be as simple as being more attentive to someone who feels isolated or giving someone a ride.) We could **pray** for the grace to focus on the common good before our personal needs. We could **pray** that we and the elected leaders of the world will address the challenge of climate change and our over-dependence on fossil fuels.

One temptation is to believe that we are powerless to do anything. We could **fast** from thinking we have no power to change the world or that we have to do it all before it makes a difference. We could **fast** as much as possible from things that pollute. We could add statements by the Pope or Bishops about Climate Change and other issues to our reading list (copies are available in our Library).

We might increase our **almsgiving**. We could expand our horizons to welcome everyone in the circle of our love so that no one is left out. This could include valuing and learning from those of other denominations and faith traditions. (Lenten Series, Interfaith events). We could increase our **almsgiving** through Share Life.

Lent is a personal journey with God but it is also a communal journey. If we are to put into practice the vision of Jesus of bringing about the Reign of God, we can only do it together as a community of faith.

Natalie Doucet

MASS

Public masses are temporarily cancelled due to the current lock-down, which is expected to last until at least February 22nd. 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 mass, livestreamed 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. Due to Monday being a statutory holiday & Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, **this week the parish will be open for private prayer on Friday only from 10:00 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 closed Monday, Feb 15th for Family Day and re-open Wednesday & Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm and closed from 11:45-1:45 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.

For the safety of the parish staff & fellow parishioners, if for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020



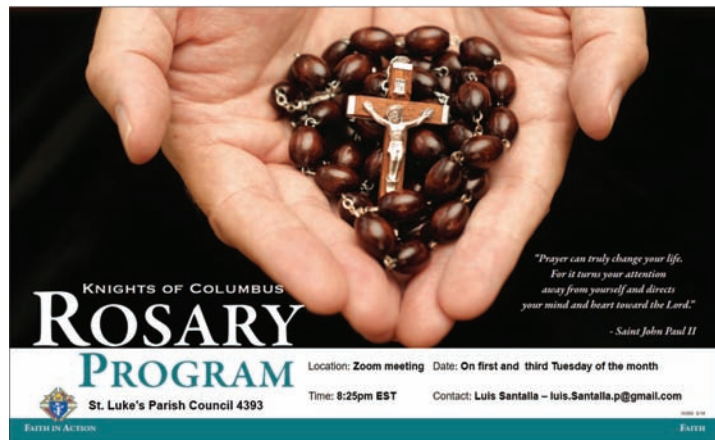
Due to the current lock-down, the Archdiocese will be mailing out tax receipts for 2020. The expected mailing date is February 23rd with an expected delivery date of February 28th.

Please contact Lois at the

office if you have any questions or concerns at 905-881-2786 ext. 221.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Luke's Council 4393

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them in praying the Rosary on the first and third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Use the following link <https://us04webzoom.us/j/75249064744?pwd=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QU9kVjNRQT09> or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



ASH WEDNESDAY – DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES



We will be distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday between the hours of 9-11 am and 6-7:30 pm. This year, because of the current lock-down and occupancy restriction to 10 persons, there will be no mass, communion or access to the sanctuary during this time. Ashes will be sprinkled on heads rather than the customary sign of the cross on foreheads. During the stated hours, please line up at the stair entrance on the west side of the parish. A staff member will direct you when to enter the narthex. Registration is not required. **** Please note there will be no private prayer from 10-12 noon on Wednesday.**

Reconciliations

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

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