

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 Lenten call to repentance is as relevant today as it was to those who first flocked to hear Jesus preach some two thousand years ago. We may enjoy more prosperity than any previous generation, yet our sense of emptiness increases as our reliance on material possessions blocks out spiritual values. Almost without knowing it, we stray off course, acquire sinful habits and lose our moral direction. To repent involves a willingness to change, to turn away from everything that chokes us off from things spiritual. Repentance enables us to become more dependent on Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. This Lenten period is a time to turn to God with our whole heart and focus on the values and attitudes that help us live as Jesus would have us live. It is a season of grace when the church invites to leave ourselves free to be loved once more by God who cares for us totally.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Richard Farrell
Tuesday	Soul of Rev. Fr. Prince Bastiampillai Soul of Baby Devaratnam Soul of Ivor Fernandes Soul of Larry Gillespie Soul of Elsa Ballano
Wednesday	Soul of John Gallagher
Thursday	Soul of Thomas D'Souza
Friday	Soul of Ben Guolo

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Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius,
Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan
and Gino Matrungola

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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First Sunday of Lent

This week, the First Sunday of Lent, I would like to share with you a Lenten Reflection I am doing this year for the first time. It is called the ‘**The Ascension Lenten Companion**’: A person Encounter with the Power of the Gospel’ by Ascension Press. It might seem strange to some, but the Season of Lent is one of my favourite seasons in the Church Calendar. By the end of the season, I’m brought into a deeper and more intimate relationship with the one who loved me into existence, a closeness that only time in silence with Our Lord could produce.

This Lent I encourage you to enter into it with hope, joy and anticipation for the love that you’ll receive from Our Lord. *“In these early days of Lent, we have come to appreciate that Jesus was led by the Spirit to face and conquer temptation. However, how can we understand that the angels ministered to him?”*

The word angel – which literally means “messenger” – refers to what they do, not who they are. Angels are pure spirits, created by God. They serve as messengers, delivering God’s will and truth to us. How did the angels minister to Jesus? The Bible does not give us explicit details, but in the first chapter of Mark, we read about angles delivering messages of encouragement.

Last Thursday, we saw how temptation presents us with something we think we want. However, every temptation is always packaged in a lie. It promises something it cannot provide. Temptations presents us with lies that sound appealing. For example, temptation may promise us that “this” will make us happy, or “that” is what we deserve, or “how” we have a right to act. Yet, in being presented with the temptation, we are never presented with the truth. The temptation never told me the consequences; it merely seduced me with a little bit of what I wanted. Temptation always lies. What temptation offers always is a trap. Remember, every fishing lure has a hook.

In John 8:31-32, Jesus says, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” One of the ways truth sets us free is by reveling the lie embedded in the temptation. After all, if fish knew that there was a hook and an ice chest waiting, no fish would fall for the bait. Throughout this Lent, various “faces” of temptation will be exposed. As they are, you will learn the truth that sets you free in that particular temptation. However, to hear the truth, we have to get quieter and learn to recognize God’s voice.”

Reflect: Read Mark 1:12-15. Then read Psalm 131. Look at your lifestyle, your pace, and how much silence you enjoy. Ask God to help you slow down and learn how to rest in silence. What words stood out to you as you prayed? What did you find stirring in your heart?

Alan Lee Hoy, Youth Minister

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. 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 11:45:00-1:45 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.

If for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

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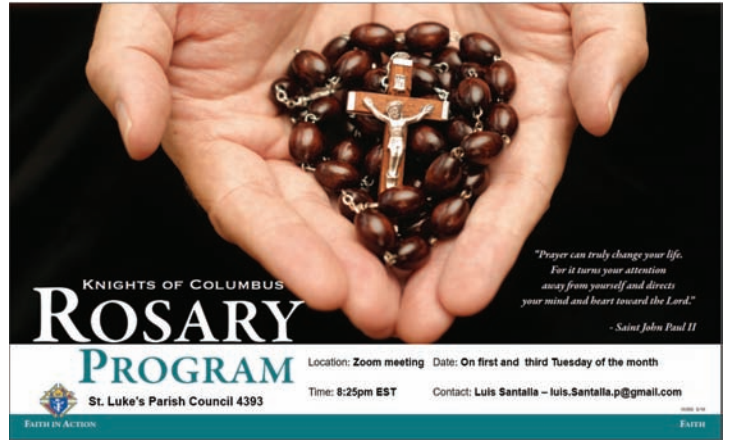


Due to the current lock-down, the Archdiocese will be mailing out tax receipts for 2020. The expected mailing date is February 23rd with an expected delivery date of February 28th.

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=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QURtQU9kWjNRQT09> or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



Reconciliations

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

SL ShareLife

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To say the year 2020 was filled with un-foreseen challenges would be an under-statement. Our 2020 ShareLife Campaign shared these challenges. Donations were understandably lower and the services supported by ShareLife, faced rapidly increasing needs. In an effort to meet ShareLife goals, the campaign, which usually wraps up July 31st was extended to November 30th.

While we did not meet our parish goal of \$141,000. (which had been set pre-Covid), once again parishioners of St. Luke's Parish stepped up and donated a total of **\$110,619.20!**

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