

# St. Luke's Parish

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 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  
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The passion of Christ helps us realise that there no outsiders where suffering is concerned. Entering into the painful sadness of ordinary happenings in everyday life calls for the taking up of our own cross with patience, acceptance and love. It makes us realise that we cannot avoid the pain and suffering that come our way. No one escapes the cross. We might try to avoid it, refuse to accept it or rebel against it, but we cannot remove it.

The great message of this week is that our destiny is bound up with that of Christ's. To all who are willing to take up their cross and follow him, the road leads from darkness into light, from despair to hope and from death to everlasting life.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Richard Farrell</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Ono Rotolo</b> Intentions of <b>Pauline, Michael &amp; Rory</b> Soul of <b>Fred Villacorta</b> Soul of <b>Eufemia Azuela &amp; Julian Peñoso</b> Soul of <b>Elisa Mirabeuno</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Stephen Huta</b>
Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>

**Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:**  
Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan, Gino Matrugola, M. J. Kurse and Dorothy Murack

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

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**How Come I Fear Lent?**

I've got to admit it: there is something about the liturgical season of Lent that makes me uncomfortable. Why? As best as I can tell, lent brings up in my small soul a sense that I am somehow not good enough. Yes, my resolutions for doing something or avoiding another something are often enough broken. What's wrong with you, anyway!

I am left with the feeling that I failed again! I couldn't sustain the simple direction that my pre-Lenten decisions led me. Something nice for God so God will love you better. Aye, there's the rub! The premise here is that I've got to earn God's love. What a crock! If God loves me at all, God loves me *totally*. I can't buy more love from God. God IS love, I know in my mind, but somehow that doesn't transfer to a time of repentance (like Lent) where my focus gets sidetracked. Somehow, I'm transported back to an earlier time of my life where "doing things for God/Christ" would prove my love for God and vice versa.

The problem is that I can *know* things, but not really to *understand* them, because understanding them calls out a different part of me than "knowing with my *head*." I need to acknowledge that understanding with my *heart* and acting out of that understanding is the real goal in the spiritual life.

My early training clearly led me to miss this distinction. The more I think about it. God is incredibly patient with me as I am led to a deeper understanding and "feel" for what is most important. The bottom line regarding Lent is that the focus is NOT on me and my little dreams and schemes. Lent's focus is squarely on God:

God's love; God's care for me; God's unique call to me; God's desire that I discover my true self (finding and moving away from my predominately ego-driven self); God's intensely intimate invitation to follow in Jesus' footsteps in service.

So, my Lenten question becomes, not exhibiting *my* goodness by giving up X or adding X to the upcoming six weeks of my life, but in *focusing on God* in one of all of the above-mentioned ways that God expresses that magnificent desire to be God *for me* and, obviously, for all and each one of us. Just imagine that!

Lent offers the time and space for recognizing more deeply the goodness of God reflected so intimately in the person of Jesus our Lord and redeemer. So, Lent needs not bring me *fear*, but an intense *joy* at God's love in Christ and the marvelously created universe. Lent (as all of our life in God) actualizes and makes real to us God/Christ's personal invitation to hear the call to service and humbly respond as we are (gifted and loved by God). John Humphries(From the Creighton Online Ministry Page)

**MASS**

We are excited to welcome you back to the parish for mass but if you are not ready yet to return, we will continue to livestream the Sunday 10:30 mass, which is available on our YouTube channel.

**WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION**

There will be a limited number of registrations available for each weekend mass on line using the Event Brite link.

<https://stlukesthornhill.eventbrite.ca>

or you can find the link on our website at [stlukesth@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlukesth@archtoronto.org) under Parish Events

or you can access the link using MyParish App.

**Registrations open at 9:00am Friday mornings.**

Yes, you are required to register for each weekend. There is no opportunity to book weeks in advance.

No, you do not have to register for weekday masses.

**Parishioners who register are required to be seated in the church at least 15 minutes before mass begins or the seat will be released to parishioners waiting in line.**

We remain committed to the safety & well-being of our parishioners and staff. When entering the parish, please review the WorshipSafe protocols and follow the direction of parish staff & volunteers. **Masks must be worn** the entire time you are in the parish & must be worn correctly – fully covering the nose, mouth & chin. Thank you.



**Palm Sunday Mass**

Saturday, March 27th 5:00 pm  
Sunday, March 28th 8:45, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

**Holy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Supper**

Thursday, April 1st 7:00 pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 2nd  
Adoration of the Cross 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 3:00 PM  
**LIVESTREAMED ONLY**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass**

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday Mass**

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:45, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

**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=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QU9kQU9kQWJNRQT09> or

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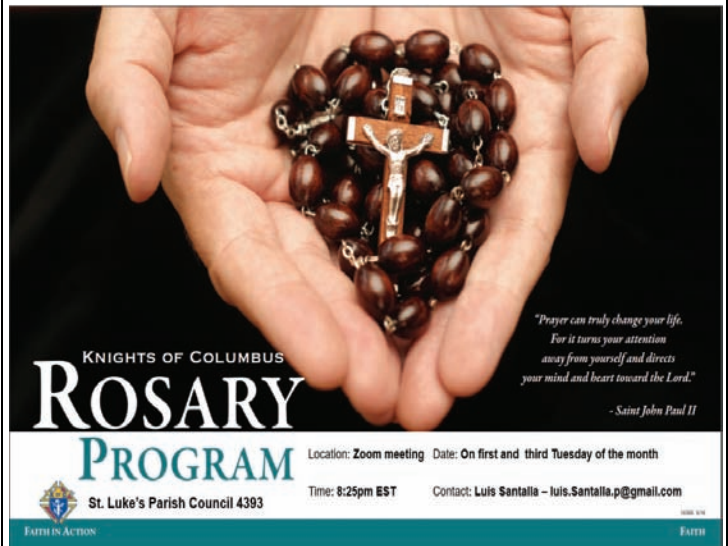
Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway.

**ShareLife Sunday is April 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**ShareLife Supporting mental health in our community**

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