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

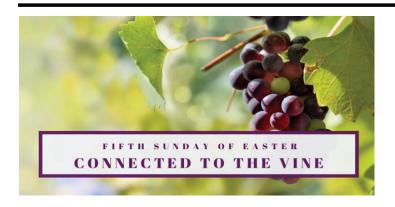
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New Parishioner □	Envelopes	Change of Address □	Moving out of Parish ☐



Jesus offers us this beautifully striking image of the Vineyard when describing the intimate nature of the relationship between himself and his disciples. He is saying that his followers are to be so closely united with him as to share his ideals, attitudes and concerns. The vine, with its life-giving energy, is a vibrant and dynamic image of the Christian community. Just as the branch is dependent on the vine for food and life, we are dependent on Jesus for divine life and spiritual sustenance. Repeatedly, John's gospel emphasises the profound oneness that exists between each one of us and Christ, who is our life. It describes the importance of keeping in touch with Jesus, if his life giving blood is to flow within our veins. "Cut off from me you can do nothing". We can easily forget that as branches of the same vine, we are also connected to one another and called to form a community of love. It is not enough to have a personal relationship with Christ if we fail to reach out in love and understanding to those we meet in the course of our day. Our belonging to Jesus challenges us to move beyond ourselves and realise that we need each other.

	MASS INTENTIONS
Monday	Soul of Alphonsus D'Souza
Tuesday	Soul of José Montouto
	Soul of Salvador Apuya Sao Juar Jr.
	Soul of Anne Marie Cormier
	Soul of Jamil Juma
	Soul of Lena Badali
Wednesday	Intentions of Norma LaNeve
Thursday	Intentions of Joanna Kim
Friday	Soul of Marco Kwok

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially: Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan, Gino Matrungola, Louis Roach, Gene Dionisio and Joe Servidio

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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May Month for Honoring Mary

I have fond memories of my childhood celebrating the feast of the Blessed Virgin in a small town nestled in the hills of Abruzzi. It was a time of festivity, of families coming together to celebrate the festa of the Madonna. The Blessed Virgin, "Madonna Dell'Elcina still holds a special place in the hearts of all the people from this region in Abruzzi, so much so, that the people continue the tradition to celebrate her here in Canada each year.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Mary holds a special place in the heart of many faithfuls. Throughout the centuries, Catholics have had the custom of paying special tribute to Mary by placing a crown on her head referred to as "The Crowing of Mary". This has been a tradition for us at St. Luke's Parish, before Covid. At the Tuesday evening Mass, parishioners have traditionally come together to celebrate this special devotion to Mary. This devotion has a special spiritual significance – the gift of oneself. The offering of the crown represents that act of placing oneself under the guidance and protection of the Blessed Virgin that she may rule over our hearts.

There are many devotions to Mary but one special devotion is the family reciting the Rosary together.

"The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the High Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembled before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace."

(Pope Pius XII in his encyclical Ingruentium malorum)

Antoinette

NOTICE Emergency STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Friday, April 16th the provincial government announced further restrictions to the Emergency Stay-At-Home order in an attempt to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. The new restrictions will

now have a direct impact on places of worship and

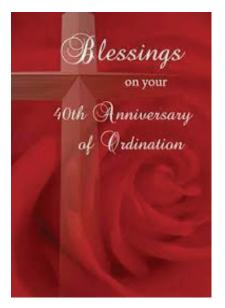
remain in place until at least May 20th. While we have demonstrated our ability to welcome parishioners safely with our stringent WorshipSafe measures, we must also recognize the serious nature of the current situation, especially in Toronto, Peel and Yok regions, where new cases have dramatically increased and stretched our health care facilities to their limit.

- Effective Monday, April 19th all public masses are temporarily cancelled (weekday & weekend masses).
- Weddings, funeral and baptisms will be restricted to 10 persons including the priest & any required parish staff.
- First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation services are postponed until further notice.
- To ensure compliance with the order, the parish building will be locked and the office will operate on restricted hours. Please arrange an appointment if you must attend the parish for any reason by leaving a voicemail at 905-881-2786 x221. We also encourage you to check our website stlukesth@archtoronto.org or the myParish app for regular updates or to make weekly donations and to view our parish bulletin.

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

MEETING ID: 752 4906 4766 PASSCODE: FOdLk or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



Dear Fr. Wen
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your 40th
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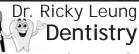
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