

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

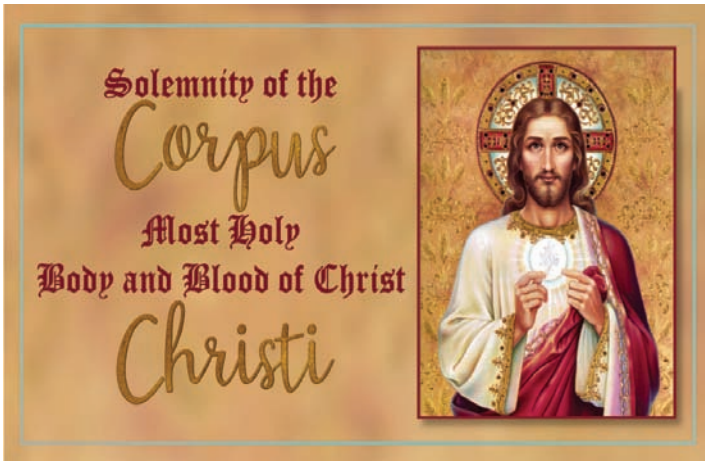
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Corpus Christi is a festival that has been celebrated by the Catholic Church, in honor of the Eucharist since 1246. It is a time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to the faithful in church but to the outside world. It is a time when we can show our love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. The name “Corpus Christi” is a Latin phrase that refers to the Body of Christ. St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, a Belgian nun born in Retines, France, who was orphaned at an early age and educated by the Augustinian nuns, displayed from her early youth a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament and always longed for a special feast in its honour. Through her efforts and divine inspiration the Feast of Corpus Christi was eventually extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban in 1246.

There are many unique customs associated with the Feast of Corpus Christi. Among them are pageants and processions that originated during the Middle Ages. My recollection from early childhood in Europe of the Feast is one of excitement and great expectation; a very festive mood. I remember how the day before the feast, the older girls and boys would go into the fields collecting baskets of wild flowers and an abundance of roses from gardens. I remember the excitement in each home making preparations for the procession on the following day. The best linens, carpets, tapestries and bedspreads that were very colorful were washed and draped hanging from balconies and windows along the route the procession would pass. I can still remember the brass band playing hymns while everyone joined in the singing. I remember the Carabinieri, in their full costume and plumed hats, marching in the procession along with the mayor and many dignitaries. The pastor carrying the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament under a richly embroidered baldachin made his way through the streets of our town. I remember feeling very special, as dressed in my Sunday best with a basket of petals I was chosen to lead the group dispensing petals along the route.

However the most important memory imprinted on my young mind and which has stayed with me is that Christ is everywhere and not just in Church, on the altar or the tabernacle. Jesus is alive and present in all aspects of our lives. Our relationship with God involves our heart, mind and soul. It involves all that we are and all that we do in the nitty gritty actions of each day.

Corpus Christi is a reminder for me that God is alive and present in the world and worship is not just within the walls of the church but most especially in the heart and in the home, work and play.

Antoinette

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. We are invited simply to meditate again on this incredible gift that God gives us: the very life, body and soul and divinity, of Jesus Christ. Only by accepting His sacrifice for us can we truly understand God’s love for us. In today’s Gospel, we see the followers of Jesus preparing for the Last Supper. They follow the instructions of Jesus and everything turns out as He had told them. We are invited to follow Jesus as they did. Let us celebrate this Holy Mass today as a true thanksgiving, a Eucharist in the deepest meaning of that word! Let us give thanks for the life of Jesus that is given to us when bread and wine become body and blood. With His life, we have life. With His gift to us we are invited to give our lives as gifts to one another. May our faith transform us and transform our world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Leo Braganza
Tuesday	Soul of Duane Soares Soul of Carmen Butcher Soul of Joseph Hong Soul of Natalie Pooran Souls of Rosa & Hubert Henkel
Wednesday	Intentions of Matthew D’Souza
Thursday	Soul of Shanthi Lobo
Friday	Soul of Rafael Morales

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

905 881-2786 ext. 250

NOTICE

Even though the Stay at Home order was lifted on June 2, 2021, we continue to be in lock down as the Province continues to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The restrictions continue to have a direct impact on places of worship and at this time remain in place until at least June 14, 2021. While we have demonstrated our ability to welcome parishioners safely with our stringent WorshipSafe measures, we must also recognize the serious nature of the variants that are entering our province. While wearing masks, social distancing and vaccinations have improved the situation, we are still required to be extremely cautious to protect each other and our healthcare facilities.

- Since Monday, April 19th all public masses are temporarily cancelled (weekday & weekend masses). **The sanctuary will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-11:00 for private prayer.**
- Weddings, funeral and baptisms are 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 x 221. 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.



Natalie is Retiring!

I would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Luke's for making me feel very welcome 18 years ago when I first started at St. Luke's and for your continued support throughout the years. I have learned a lot and have grown a lot because of you, my fellow parishioners and my friends - about living our faith, about resilience in the face of challenges and about the importance of a parish community. I have seen the difference that a vibrant sense of community can make in life and how much joy it can bring as we journey together in this often chaotic world.

I feel very grateful and blessed to have been part of the Ministry Team at St. Luke's. St. Luke's is really a wonderful community oriented parish with people who look out for one another. For the past 18 years, St. Luke's has been my spiritual home and I have many lovely memories. St. Luke's will continue to be my spiritual home only in a different context now. My husband Michael and I will still be part of the parish and I will still be somewhat involved in the Parish just not as staff member.

It's time to start a new chapter in my life and I'm looking forward to making new memories as a parishioner.

Many thanks and blessings to everyone - stay safe.

Natalie

<p>We are so grateful for the many years Natalie has worked for the parish and look forward to the time we can gather safely in the hall to celebrate her decision to retire. Stay tuned! Fr. Mark</p>
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ShareLife funded agencies have been working on the front line of the Covid-19 pandemic. One of them, Silent Voice, has been continuing to offer programs in ASL (American Sign Language) to the Deaf community.

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