

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. - 9:00 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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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
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"/>



The story of the widow’s mite is meant to set us thinking. It speaks of the generosity of ordinary people who give of the little they have with grace and a smile.

While our financial resources may be limited, it is good to remember that we give but little when we give of our possessions. Often the easiest way to exercise charity is to write a cheque, which is a duty discharged and frequently forgotten about within a short time. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give. Giving of our time, our understanding and our talent can be more costly. Offering a comforting presence and a sparkle of hope to someone who is hospitalized demands that we take time out of our busy day, which causes inconvenience. Little things like courtesy and consideration, remembering and listening do mean a lot in human relationships. Our real worth lies in who we are to one another.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Anthony Bleskie
Tuesday	Souls of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall
	Soul of Rose Allaye
	Soul of San Hu
	Soul of Tom Fernandes
	Soul of Beatrice
Wednesday	Soul of Jim Apolius
Thursday	Soul of Gord McMahon
Friday	Intentions of Patricia Lee

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially **Albert Witzeg, Leo Ceolin, Maria DiRienzo and Donna Shen**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

The Widow’s Offering

Every year, the same ritual took place in the temple. The high priest entered the Holy of Holies (the most sacred part of the temple) and offered sacrifice on behalf of the people for the sins that were committed during the course of that entire year. This feast was so revered that a rope was tied around the ankle of the high priest before he entered the sacred space. This is because the high priest was the only one allowed to enter the Holy of Holies; if he died while he was in there, the people outside needed a way to retrieve his corpse. The irony is that although the high priest entered into the holiest place on Earth, he could never fully enter into God’s presence — a part of him always stayed tied to the material world. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews uses this annual ritual to help people understand the reality of Christ’s sacrifice. Jesus entered the real Holy of Holies — heaven — and made atonement for our sins. He offers us an invitation to receive this gift.

Unfortunately, we are often still attached to material things. Like ropes tied around our ankles, we enter into a relationship with Jesus with a lingering connection to security — or at least what we consider to be security. We don’t give everything in our life to Christ, just in case things don’t go as we planned. In the first reading and in the Gospel, we find the witness of two widows who hold nothing back from God. The first gives Elijah, a man she knows to be a prophet of God, the rest of her food. Trusting his word that God will provide, she takes a risk and let’s go; and her reward is abundant. The widow in the Gospel is singled out by Jesus for her incredible faith. Her small gift reflected her “all in” attitude toward a relationship with God. She could see beyond the current moment and into eternity.

This week challenges us to ask what we are hanging onto in our relationship with God. To fully embrace the gift that Jesus has for us, we need to let go and fully trust that His salvation is all we need to be satisfied. When we take the rope off our ankle, we find that God has everything we need. In Him, our lives are secure.

Reflect: The poor widow in the Gospel offers not from her surplus, but from her poverty. Where might you lack talent, time, or treasure but still give a meaningful offering to the Lord?

Challenge: Detachment comes through recognizing that God alone satisfies the desires of our heart. No clothing, relationship, grade point average, job, social status, trophy, or wealth can grant our lives true or lasting peace. Practice detachment this week by letting go of something that brings you worldly comfort — choose to wear only simple outfits, fast from a meal, refrain from boasting about a good grade, or give a little more than usual in this Sunday’s collection. Make it an offering to the Lord, that from your poverty you might grow in faith.

November 7, 2021

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MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members & friends on the envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Place the envelope in the basket at the altar for remembrance prayers at every mass during the month of November.



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS COME and SEE - DAY RETREAT

Saturday, November 20th at
St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.



CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus - St. Luke's Council 4393 is conducting its first Catholic Citizen Essay contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. In an essay of 500-750 words, entrants should “describe everyday obstacles that they may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith”. The top entry in each of 2 categories will receive a \$150 gift card.

The winning essays may appear in St. Luke's Parish website.

Entry form available at: stlukesth@archtoronto.org

Deadline: November 26, 2021

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS!

You can pray the rosary with the **Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393** on the first & third Wednesday of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Use the following link <https://us04webzoom.us/j/75249064744?pwd=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QUQtQU9kWjNRQT09> or

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Meeting ID: 752 4906 4766 Passcode: F0dLk

Or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



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ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, November 13th
9:00am

Learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teaching and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will facilitate this webinar. A planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost. Register at: development@archtoronto.org Please include “Webinar – November 13th” in the subject line & provide your name & address in the body of the message.

COVID RESTRICTION UPDATES

Effective Immediately

Based on the announcement by the Province of Ontario on Friday, October 22nd and advice from health and safety experts, the Archdiocese of Toronto has given us permission to lift more restrictions – the most significant being:

1. We can now offer seating in every second row allowing more parishioners to attend mass. Registration is still required and we have increased the available spaces.
2. Parishioners are welcome to sing during the mass while wearing masks.

Please note: Because the Archdiocese does not require vaccinations for those attending spiritual services, **we are still required to wear masks and maintain social distancing at all times while in the parish building.**



VOLUNTEER?

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist as ushers and greeters at our masses on Sundays. Please contact Alan Lee Hoy at:

stlukesthym@gmail.com if you are able to assist the parish on Sundays.

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