

St. Luke's Parish

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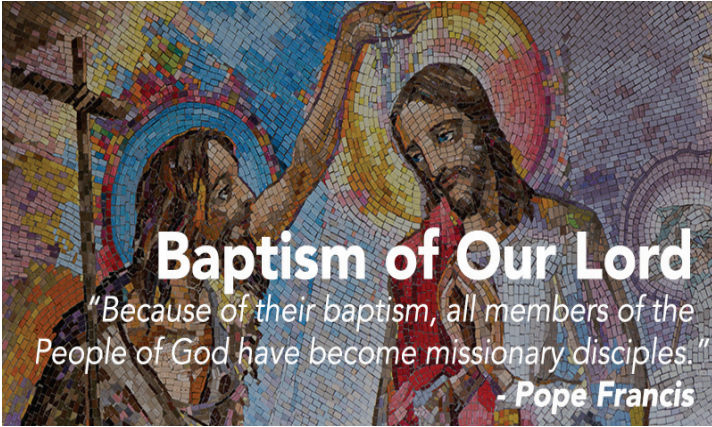
Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Baptism by Fire

Today we celebrate Jesus' Baptism. Our liturgical calendar doesn't let Jesus spend much time dwelling on his youth as in just one week he goes from newborn baby to approximately 30. Jesus grows up pretty fast as he is baptised and begins his public ministry. The commencement of Jesus' public ministry coincides with our own calendar as we embark on a new year with a renewed sense of mission.

In the life of Jesus we see him face his greatest challenges of identity at the start of his ministry. If I were Jesus I would prefer to put off 40 days and nights without food, shelter or company, battling with the devil until later in my ministry but we see Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert immediately following his baptism. It is literally a baptism by fire and it is through this initial experience and trial that Jesus becomes more deeply aware that God's words at his baptism were not just lip service and that He truly is his Son, the Beloved, with Whom God is well pleased.

I think there is some wisdom in this as we set out our own personal missions for the coming year. Most of us are procrastinators by nature and the most trying and difficult challenges in our lives like establishing healthier habits, reconciling with a family member or friend, following an uncertain dream or calling or giving up a destructive habit we tend to place at the bottom of our to do list that we may never end up reaching. But in avoiding such challenges we also avoid witnessing God's great power to handle our greatest fears and instead we task him with much more trivial challenges. In addition, by avoiding these primary fears they wreak havoc in both our conscious and subconscious minds.

At work or in school it is a great benefit that we have deadlines which force us to eventually get things done. I know there are times that I invite people over to my house to give me the motivation and urgency to clean it. The challenge is with many personal issues there is no deadline so they can linger on perpetually. Essentially, we need someone outside of ourselves who can journey with us and help us to place a deadline on these challenges and opportunities that most need to be faced, which can lead to our greatest growth. This person could be a fellow church-member, a spouse, a sibling, a spiritual director, a friend or perhaps a new group at St. Luke's. This person or group could keep us honest to what our true hopes and desires are and could help us to deepen our awareness that each of us are sons and daughters of God, are beloved and are pleasing to our Creator and together we can face and overcome our greatest challenges. John Humphries

At his **baptism**, Jesus began a journey that would lead to the cross. It was a journey only God could accomplish for it meant washing away the sinfulness and healing the brokenness of humanity. Filled with the gift of the spirit, Jesus began his personal mission of preaching the good news, healing the sick, raising the dead and restoring sight to the blind. By emptying himself of power he, who was sinless, assumed our frail and limited nature in order to identify as far as possible with us in our plight. His passing through the murky waters of suffering and death on our account is an assurance that the things that are the death of us are no longer the end of us. His baptism was a statement that he was here with us and for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Hans Kruecken
Tuesday	Soul of Lydia Bustamante Souls of Vincent Wall Soul of Tony Ma Soul of Dino Morello Soul of Betty Elizabeth Dembinski
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Parra Quevedo Family
Thursday	Soul of Bernard Hannan
Friday	Intentions of Susan Hannan

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Leo Ceolin, Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Mathai Augustine, Magdalene Ki and Tom Schmoll**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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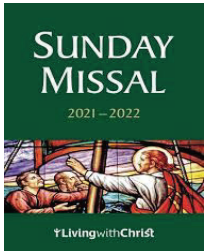
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SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2021-2022 Sunday Missal is now available. Please contact the office during week to purchase a copy.

Update your Information



The office is busy preparing our files for tax receipt time. Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number in the past year? If so, please be sure to provide the parish with your updated information at:

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Tax receipts will be mailed out at the end of January.

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COVID -19 Update - Provincial Restrictions

As we begin a New Year, the highly contagious Omicron variant is causing a serious strain on our healthcare system. Effective January 5th new provincial restrictions take effect. While this will not result in a change to our capacity limits, we do encourage all parishioners to continue safe practices when inside the parish building. The Archdiocese of Toronto does not require vaccinations for those attending spiritual services. Please social distance at all times with anyone not in your household.

Hand sanitizing is no longer optional. Upon entering the building, you will be required to accept hand sanitizer or apply your own to both hands.

Masks are still required while you are inside the parish building and **they must fit snugly, fully covering the nose, mouth & chin.**


Congregational singing is once again prohibited. Small choirs will continue to sing at the masses for your enjoyment.

If you are not feeling well for any reason, please do not enter the parish. We continue to livestream our 10:30 am Sunday masses & encourage you to watch from home until you are feeling better.

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