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

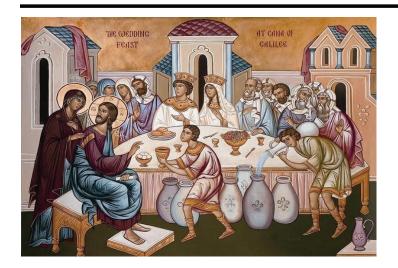
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Name	Phone		
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Children & Dates of Births:			
New Parishioner □	Envelopes	Change of Address □	Moving out of Parish $\ \square$



As Christians we must not merely dwell on the wonder involved in changing water into wine. The gospel is a marvellous picture of the loving relationship we have with Jesus who is present at the various activities in our lives. He is aware that our best efforts require the touch of God and is always willing to help especially when we experience difficulties. He brings healing where there is hurt, forgiveness where there is a lack of support. The wine is the life of God brought to people through Jesus. He can transform us, taking the ordinary in us and making it extraordinary, turning anguish into wonder and want into wealth. Life is always changed for the better when we allow Jesus into our hearts and home for he enriches the very ordinary, makes it precious and gives us an eternal flavour to the commonplace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
Tuesday
Soul of Ken Gallimore
Soul of Roza da Camara
Soul of Anna Berri-Barberis
Soul of Aiden Bucks
Soul of Eufemia Azuela
Wednesday
Thursday
Thursday
Friday
Intentions of Carlos Seoane
Souls in Purgatory

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, Tom Schmoll and Rosario Lee

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

We Go to Jesus

When I was in my mid-twenties I was involved in a long term relationship. We had been dating for a few years and were reaching the point where we had to go in one of two directions, towards marriage or apart. At the same time, I had just become Catholic and was growing in the faith. As time went on, I felt an increasing pressure to make a move but was unable to. I knew deep down that this was not the person I was to marry but was afraid of being alone and hurting the other person.

Finally, after much distress I went to Jesus. I still remember kneeling beside my bed, lighting a candle and looking into the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and saying: "Lord I am not strong enough to make a decision so I turn to you for help. Please help me with this situation." Immediately following my prayer, I felt a great sense of relief as though a burden had been lifted from my shoulders. I didn't get an immediate response to my prayer but over time Jesus led the relationship in the right direction and we both realized that it was best for us not to continue dating.

It took me years but I am so grateful that I eventually took my problem to Jesus for help. In the scriptures we witness Mary the model Christian not waiting as long as me. Once she noticed that the couple had run out of wine, she immediately informs her son and has absolute faith in him.

Not only does Jesus solve the problem but he does so with great abundance, as the wine he produces is enough to keep the wedding feast which normally lasted about a week going for many months if so desired. This was true in my life too. After making Jesus an integral part of my relationships I never languished in a relationship again and soon met my future wife. With Christ in the centre, I have found that all my relationships have a greater depth. Be it with family, coworkers or friends the Wine of Christ brings a bouquet of joy that I didn't experience prior to becoming Catholic. I can still be petty, impatient and self-centred but it isn't long before Mary whispers in my ear that I have no wine and I turn to reconcilation, prayer and the Eucharist to feast yet again.

Jesus utilizes the 6 stone water jars at the wedding and he himself becomes the seventh bringing to perfection what was previously lacking, embodying the Old Testament prophesies and pointing to what he will soon become, the Bridegroom of the Church. How blessed we are to be connected to God in this way, cleaved to each other as one flesh, never to be separate again. We are filled to the brim with God's love, entrusting everything to his providence and grace just as Mary has always done.

John Humphries.

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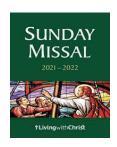
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pickup your envelopes during the week.



SUNDAY MISSAL

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18-25th

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at **Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church**, 920 Progress Avenue, Scarborough on **Sunday January 23th at 4:00pm**.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leader to pray for the restoration of full visible unity will by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is Rev. Archpriest Fr. Zareb Zargarian (Vicar of the Armenian Diocese of Canada and Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Toronto).

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism and the Greater Toronto Area of Council of Christian churches.

All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at the link, https://bit.ly/3DAaxca

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All parishioners at St. Luke's Parish can download the app to get free access to **Hallow Plus** until Easter.

You can learn more and download the app from our website or if you are currently enjoying the MyParish app, Alan has provided the link there or you can use **Hallow.com/holydaypackage**

Hallow is truly designed to have something for everyone, but don't just take our word for it, try it for free!

COVID -19 Update - Provincial Restrictions

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

Hand sanitizing is required again upon entering the building. You will be required to accept our 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 mass & encourage you to watch from home until you are feeling better.



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