

# St. Luke's Parish

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The Gospel of Luke today is at the beginning of Christ’s public ministry. He reads the Prophet Isaiah to his fellow townspeople and then tells them that the Scripture is fulfilled there, in their midst. We know that through the ministry of Jesus lots of people followed Him. We also know that lots of people did not follow Him because they did not want to accept His complete teachings.

This is the same today. The challenge of this Sunday is this: will we follow Christ in His Church or will we go our own way? We cannot claim to be following Christ if we do not accept what He teaches. Jesus tells us: come, follow me. Let us walk with Him and in Him find our peace.

A point worth pondering on is: does our behaviour at home, at work or among our friends indicate that the spirit of the Lord is guiding our lives?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Lydia Bustamante</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Anna Berri-Barberis</b> Soul of <b>Roza da Camara</b> Souls of <b>Our Unborn Angels in Heaven</b> Soul of <b>Annie Yao</b> Soul of <b>Carmelita Sabala</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Ken Hubley</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Anna Berri-Barberis</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Stephen Y. L. Koay</b>

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 Rosaria Lee**

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
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**Ecumenical Sunday**

Brothers and Sisters, it goes without saying that this past 2 years in our lives, and indeed the entire world has been something we’ve never seen before. Of course, I’m speaking of the global pandemic, not that humanity has never experienced a pandemic, but I don’t believe there has ever been a pandemic in a world that is so “connected”. This is a moment in history where we’re all united by one challenge. Even though our experience, perspectives, response and opinions are different, COVID-19 has impacted every person in the world today.

Reflecting on this and the readings from this weekend, I’m reminded that even though, in our faith, we have different experiences, talents, perspectives, and opinions about God and His Church, we are all called to be united and are baptized into one body of Christ. “For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and we were all made to drink of one Spirit” (1Cor 12: 13).

Some people are born to write, others to speak, others to counsel. People are born with great intelligence, amazing athleticism, or incredible artistic ability. Each of us has our own gifts, as St. Paul attests to, and those gifts come from God.

Scripture is a gift from God. God’s Law, seen in the first reading, is a gift. Preachers and pastors who teach and translate God’s law are gifts to His Church, though not always appreciated for it. Those who “know” the Lord in His Word and in His Sacrament ought to have a humble boldness, a quiet confidence, and an unshakable joy, even in the face of adversity. As revealed in the Gospel, the Word of the Lord points us to the eternal Word – Jesus, Himself. Additionally, God’s Word reminds us that if we fail to follow God in our hearts, our words mean little. How we live, what we say and don’t say, do and don’t do, ought to be a living testament to the God who gave us our blessings and skills and our very lives as a testament of His goodness. When people meet us, there should be no doubt that there is a God and we are not Him.

On this Ecumenical Sunday, I pray and hope in God, that we might allow Him to live through us, with us, and in us, so that during this global pandemic we might look to Him to unite us all in His glory, but above all, that His will be done.

**Challenge:** During the week, write out your hopes and plans, and then offer them to God. We should pray about our desires and our hopes daily, but always conclude with, “Lord, may your will be done.” Seek the will of God daily, even above your own will.

Alan Lee Hoy, Youth Minister

January 23, 2022

# Effect Hope

*The Leprosy Mission Canada*

This year, **World Leprosy Day** is on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to partner with us to pray for people affected by leprosy on this important day.

Each year, Effect Hope leads Canadian Christians to learn about and pray for people affected by leprosy around the world.

We know Jesus showed love to people affected by leprosy. They were shunned, persecuted and lived in poverty and Jesus gave them hope. The same is still true for people affected by leprosy today. The love Jesus showed them inspires Christians and others around the world to continue to raise awareness and prayer on World Leprosy Day.

For more information or to make a financial donation, contact <https://effecthope.org>

## 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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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/holidaypackage](https://Hallow.com/holidaypackage)

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

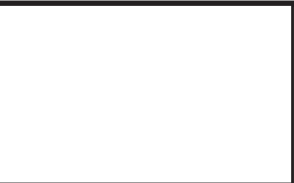
Congregational singing is once again prohibited. Small choirs will continue to sing at the masses for your enjoyment.


**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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