

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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1st Sunday of Lent



Another Lent has dawned and fresh beginnings are at hand. With it, a new season of prayer, penance and fasting will begin in the church and in our homes. When asked what we are giving up for Lent, let it be any self-serving activities that prevent us from getting back to the things we have been neglecting.

During lent we are encouraged to re-commit ourselves to the practice of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. **Prayer** can take many forms, like going to mass more frequently, reading the scriptures daily, reciting the rosary or becoming part of a prayer group. **Fasting**, one of the core disciplines of Christianity is a traditional way of acknowledging one's dependence on God. If it does nothing else, it reminds us that while one third of the world is suffering from over consumption, the other two thirds are dying from hunger and malnutrition. **Almsgiving** to charitable causes can bring freedom and a fresh start to the poorest of people.

Lent is a time for drawing closer to God. Through repentance, conversion and a change of heart let us prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast of Easter.

It's easy to "feel" God is with us when life is going our way. Do we feel God's presence or trust in His promise, though, when things aren't going so well – when we feel isolated, or alone, or outnumbered? It's when it is most difficult to "find" God that we must remember how close He constantly is and promises to remain. Evil looks for those "entry points" of doubt and fear to "set up shop" in our heart and make us question the very things we know to be true and divide us from our Sisters & Brothers in Christ.

Moses had to repeatedly remind those who had been wandering for 40 years that God rescued them before and would remain faithful in His promise. The psalm reminds us that trouble accompanies life, suffering cannot be avoided, and asking God to be with us in it all is not only allowed but encouraged. Saint Paul reminds the Christians in Rome – and all of us, really – that God is near, and those who confess to know Him and profess He is Lord will be saved!

The Gospel reminds us, too, that even Christ was not free of suffering or temptation. God did not even spare His only Son of hardship. It is when we are alone in the spiritual deserts of life that we must have the faith and strength to believe God is still with us and, in time, we will hear His voice, once again.

Reflect:

What are some temptations in your day that you may be allowing sin to enter in because of? (For example, does boredom tempt you to sin? Then when do you allow boredom into your day and what can you have on hand to do when you are bored that will lead you toward Christ instead of away from Him?)

Challenge:

When Jesus was tempted, He turned to Scripture. During this week, read the readings for daily Mass each morning (which you can find easily on usccb.com) and note one phrase to reflect on during the day, especially in the face of temptation.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Luke's Council 4393

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them in praying the Rosary on the first and third Wednesday of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Arthur Dunbar
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Angelina Angeles
Wednesday	Soul of Mariakutty & Mathai Augustine
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Soul of Oliver Lim

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, Magdalene Ki, Rosaria Lee, Denis Soares, Abraham Matias and Juliette Makari née Assal**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250



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Lenten Series 2022
"The Isolated Jesus"

Date: Sunday, March 6
Topic: Jesus in Gethsemane
Preacher: Joseph Kim

Joseph Kim is the Pastor of Congregational Development at **Thornhill Baptist Church**. Joseph and his wife Esther came to Canada from South Korea in 2017. While working in South Korea as an engineer, Joseph felt the call to mission and ministry work, which eventually led him to Canada. He has a Master of Divinity degree (Tyndale University). He joined the pastoral staff of Thornhill Baptist in September of 2021.

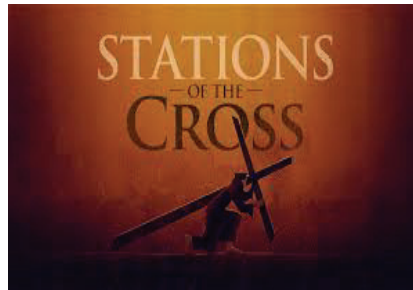
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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022 and continues until Holy Thursday, April 14th. We are reminded of the meaning of Lent as a time of prayer, repentance and change of heart.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday morning during Lent – **March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1 & 8** - for a journey along the Stations of the Cross beginning at 9:30am.



Come & See Day Retreat

Saturday, March 19th, 2022
9:00am to 3:00pm
St. Augustine's Seminary

This is an invitation for single Catholic men 18 years of age 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/comesee
For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Van Patten or the Office of Vocations via email:

vocations@archtoronto.org




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