

# 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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**The Ascension of the Lord**

Jesus ascends into heaven. The disciples stare blankly into the sky. What in the world just happened? And what in the world does this mean?

The beauty of Ascension Sunday lies in the details. First, Jesus ascended to heaven with His glorified body. This means that Christ bore the marks of Crucifixion as He took His place on the throne of heaven. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews explains that this detail is critical – we have a God that understands our suffering who we can humbly approach with our needs. Our God understands and invites us, invites you, personally into this throne room and sanctuary. Jesus' bodily ascension opens the door for our bodily resurrection at the end of time.

The second important detail is that Jesus will return with His glorified body in judgment. As the apostles stare at the sky like they just saw a double rainbow, an angel tells them that time is limited. They shouldn't "just stand there" – they have work to do in spreading the Gospel before Jesus comes again! Many will be called, in fact, to be martyrs (the Greek word for "witnesses"). We can only embrace martyrdom if we look heavenward. We also have work to do in inviting others to know the God that understands our sufferings and invites us into the throne room of heaven. Not some distant, far off god that looks down on us from the clouds; nor the "universe" or some strange obscure spirit. We invite others to know a personal God that made us for an intimate relationship with Himself, a God that "loved" us into existence to love (willing the good of the other for the other). So, don't just stand around, there's work to do this week in proclaiming the risen Lord!

God is calling you! How will you respond?

**Reflect:**

How are you being called today to be His witness? Whom are you called to share your experiences of Christ with?

**Challenge:**

This week, reflect on what it means to be "absolutely trusting" of God. Do you need more trust that He does understand how you are feeling when you are angry or upset? Do you need more trust that everything is in His control? Do you need more trust that He won't lead you somewhere He can't protect you?

What do you need from God in order to grow in this absolute trust of Him? Ask yourself first, and then make your requests known to God.

**The Ascension**, which marks the final departure of Christ from his friends on earth, celebrates hope. It proclaims that Jesus achieved the work he was sent to do and is now in the company of God the Father, beyond the boundaries of death and decay. The feast gives us a glimpse of the destiny that awaits us. It spells out that our homeland is in heaven. Where Christ has gone we hope to follow once our earthly journey is over.

In his own person, Christ has made available a sharing in his complete happiness which death cannot take from us. This is the joyful hope we have as a safe and sure anchor for our lives. The Ascension assures us that the longing for happiness and fullness of life, which is deeply imprinted within every person, can ultimately be realized.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Monday            | Soul of <b>Rodrigo Dela Cruz</b><br>Mass of Thanksgiving – <b>Chola Dela Cruz</b>  |
| Tuesday           | Intentions of <b>Lucas McCron</b><br>Soul of <b>Angel Papa</b><br>Intentions of <b>Teresa Kim</b><br>Intentions of <b>Maria Pilar &amp; Ambrosia</b> |
| <b>Makalinpal</b> | Soul of <b>Randy Turk</b>  |
| Wednesday         | Soul of <b>Reginald Kingsford</b>  |
| Thursday          | Intentions of <b>Pio Jung</b>  |
| Friday            | Soul of <b>Stephen Y. L. Chua</b>  |

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

905 881-2786 ext. 250

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Mike McCloskey, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, John Brancati, Tita Mateo, Teresa Kim and Joanna Kim**



***St. Luke's Parish is celebrating our 175th Anniversary!***

In preparation for our celebration of St. Luke's Parish turning 175 this **October**, we are happy to announce that parishioners have a unique opportunity to commemorate the event. We have arranged for IPC Canada to offer a free photography session so that your family can have your picture taken and used in the Parish Directory for this special milestone.

As a bonus, each photographed family will receive a free 8" x 10" colour portrait of the pose you choose and a copy of the Parish Directory souvenir once it is complete. You can even use your appointment to select and order picture packages through IPC Canada.

We are offering appointments May 25 - 27 and May 30 - June 1 from 2:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Sign-ups begin May 15 in the Narthex after each mass and online booking will be available through our website starting May 16 (except on Sundays when in-person booking takes place after masses).

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in this special anniversary and stay tuned for more updates.

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See the bulletin board for more information.

**SL ShareLife**

*Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies*

***Our parish goal - \$140,000.00***

***Raised to date - \$69,010.00***

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

"It truly means the world to members of vulnerable populations whom we serve. You help remove barriers faced by Deaf adults, youth, children, infants and their families. You are a partner in transforming lives."

*Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director, Silent Voice*

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend. Please give generously during the parish special collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)

**Thank you for living the Gospel!**

***MAY IS PRO-LIFE MONTH***

There are many pro-life activities scheduled this month including the March for Life in Ottawa.

Our own Knights of Columbus are supporting the Knights of Columbus Aurora Council to create pro-life awareness through the use of yard signs. Our council is getting 10 signs. If anyone is interested in a yard sign, please contact the office or see any of the Knights before or after mass or the signs are available directly from the Aurora Council.

***Catholic Family Services of Toronto***

The Catholic Family Services of Toronto are once again offering two on-line programs.

**Online Bereavement Introductory Program**  
Wednesday, June 1 - June 22 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
and

**Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program**  
Thursday, June 2 - June 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Please see the bulletin board for registration information.




**ST. LUKE'S PRAYER GROUP**

will now pray the Rosary on **Saturdays beginning at 4:30pm.** You are also welcome to pray the Rosary Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm just prior to the 7:00 pm mass.

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