

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 Wonder-Maker



My daughter Savina was baptized 2 weeks ago on Pentecost at St. Luke's. Realizing the magnitude of the occasion, my wife and I wanted the day to be as special as possible. We put a lot of thought and time into discerning every detail. The night before I was anxious worrying if everything would go well. As I prayed a thought came to mind, perhaps a little Divine inspiration saying: 'In the past when you have placed things into My hands has it ever not gone well? Let Me take over from here.' I smiled as the inspiration brought me the peace I was lacking. In my prayer I whispered back, 'Thank you Lord, thy will be done.'

Sure enough the day did go well. The Baptismal celebration was filled with an intimate sense of the Holy Spirit. Savina loved every minute of it and even at the tender age of 2 seemed to grasp a little of the wonder of the sacrament she was participating in. The reception was joy-filled too. In the spirit of the day, it felt as though a tongue of fire rested on everyone as people connected on a deeper level.

Reflecting on the day I thanked God for all the blessings poured out. As usual God exceeded all expectations, for no amount of planning could have produced the joy that was experienced. As Jesus reminds us in Luke's Gospel: 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' Like yeast, God's ways are subtle and hidden yet the results are miraculous.

Just as we witness in this weekend's Gospel, from a human perspective it seemed impossible to feed the five thousand with just two loaves and five fish, but God is able to multiply the little we offer and far surpass our needs. God's workings on my daughter's day of Baptism, reminded me of the early days of courtship with my wife. I would often do little things to surprise and communicate my growing love and affection for her. All I needed was the opportunity and receptivity of my actions.

Our Creator is always looking for ways to surprise and demonstrate just how loved we are. The key as in any relationship is to leave room for the Spirit and not to think we have God or our loved ones figured out. For God can never be fully grasped and God's essence is steeped in mystery. The same goes for us, our capacity to surprise ourselves and others is limitless as we increasingly tap into the indwelling Spirit.

We must be vigilant to avoid becoming stale but remain fresh and open to the wonder of it all. As I like to say to my kids, God loves to impress, if only given the chance.

John Humphries

We never tire of reading the gospel accounts of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. In it, we find our greatest inheritance as Christians. Christ's gift of himself to us is a statement of his belief in us and of how precious we are in his sight. Only a loving God could have given his children such an extraordinary gift. The Eucharist is the making present of the living body of Jesus as food for the journey and as the nourishment we need on our pilgrim way. The mystery of the Eucharist is not something we arrive at as spectators or something we come to observe, but rather a meal we participate in as a community where we strengthen each other in the Eucharistic celebration. It is a call to change and to become more like Christ, so that his presence becomes visible in our behaviours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Roza da Camara
Tuesday	Soul of Nicole Figuera Soul of Sylvia Pedra Soul of Christopher Figuera Soul of Debra Alsuran Mass of Thanksgiving – Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary
Wednesday	Soul of Patsy D'Souza
Thursday	Soul of Marianna Sacchinelli
Friday	Soul of Asheya Khan

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, Tita Mateo and Teresa Kim**

June 19, 2022



MARYGROVE CAMP

Thank you to everyone who donated to the special collection for Marygrove Summer Camp. Our parish raised **\$2228.00** to ensure 1,100 girls from less fortunate families can once again enjoy an 8-day camping experience on Georgian Bay.

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Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet donated, we encourage you to reflect on your ability to help those in need and to make a sacrificial gift to support the many who turn to ShareLife funded agencies for help.

Thank you for living the gospel!



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.



Father's Day - June 19th

This weekend is Father's Day and the Catholic Women's League along with the Knights of Columbus will be selling **Treats for Dad**. The treat bags will be \$5 each. Buy your Father's Day Treats for Dad after all masses this weekend.

FUNERAL MASS FOR ROZA DA CAMERA



Roza passed away December 28, 2021. She was 89 years old.

Roza was a long time resident of St. Luke's Lodge & long time parishioner of St. Luke's Parish. She was well known for her hospitality and was actively involved in many ministries at the parish. Rest in Peace Roza, we miss you.

Roza's family has arranged a funeral service on **Saturday, June 25th** at St. Luke's Parish at 10:00 am.


All are welcome.

A reception will follow in the parish hall.

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