

St. Luke's Parish

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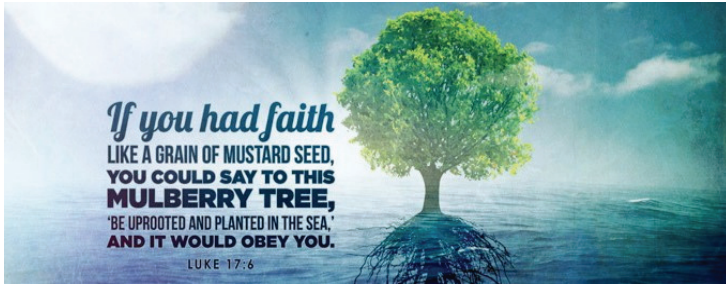
Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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The gospel stresses the importance of unwavering faith, which is the courage to live with the uncertainty of not knowing all the answers. **Faith** does make a difference in the way we view our life and makes it possible to carry many a cross that would otherwise seem insupportable.

It is never a question of faith or no faith; the question is always “In what or in whom do I put my faith?” – possessions, power, people or God. People of faith believe that every person matters and that God takes small things and makes them into great things. As we take to heart the word of God, faith can inspire us to change direction and accomplish marvelous feats. Faith is knowing without seeing, believing without fully understanding and trusting without touching the One who is ever faithful. Faith is stepping out and doing the things we believe God wants us to do, even if it does not make sense. Having created the natural world, God has placed us as stewards of his creation. He has left us free to create the social world and it is up to us to build or destroy, to hurt or heal, to reach out or be selfish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Fr. Anthony Chang
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Roberto Sutikno Soul of Monique Yu Soul of Manuel Pallarco Torres Soul of Michael McCloskey
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Rose & Aleth
Thursday	Soul of Carmen Donaldson
Friday	Soul of Mary Malamas

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, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Teresa Kim, Marie Ceolin, Paul Benoit, Daniela Militaru, Justin & Teddy Givens and Joanna Na Kim**

Stir it Up

“Do not be ashamed of your testimony.”

Most of us live our faith like a smoldering pile of ashes; myself included. People feel the fire of our faith, but only if they get close. It doesn't burn bright enough to be seen from a distance, and certainly not hot enough to spread to others. If you "stir" a smoldering pile of ashes, though, and add some kindling, you can easily get a fire going again. This is the encouragement that St. Paul is giving to Timothy in the second reading. Get your ashes in gear, and get a fire started.

Too often we are timid of our faith, not wanting to offend others. If we are ashamed of our testimony and our faith, we aren't going to change the world. The Gospel challenges us that this isn't an option. The moments we share our faith with the love of God, aren't moments we go "above and beyond." Sharing our faith is actually part of our discipleship description. It isn't “extra”; it is mandatory.

Still smoldering? Take some time to dive more deeply into the readings this week and spend some time with the Word of God. It is the kind of kindling you need to re-ignite your faith and burn brightly as you share it.

Challenge of the Week:

Commit to reading the daily Mass readings every day this week, even if you can't go to daily Mass. Ask for God to ignite faith within you through His Word, and then pray for the courage to share that fire with others.

Challenge of the Month:

Take some time, in prayer, to consider registering for an 8-week life changing experience, uncovering the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it's all about.

JOIN our Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.

Check out what others are saying about this study:
<https://youtu.be/stj5gg1QpLY>

Date: Oct 19-Dec 7 (Wednesdays)
Time: 7:30-9:00 pm
Location: Online (Zoom)

Questions? ahoy@archtoronto.org

Register at: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>

-Alan Lee Hoy

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and CWL
WINE & CHEESE**



Join us for a complimentary “Wine and Cheese Night to welcome new members and member appreciation on Friday, Oct 7th at 7:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
OCT 1/2 WEEKEND**

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate. This year we are collecting **actual food items**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Your donations enable the Georgina Food Bank to assist the hungry in their community. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: Georgina Community Food Pantry.
Thank you for your support of this important program.



St. Luke's is celebrating our 175th Anniversary on October 29, 2022. Circle your calendars as we mark the beginning of this magnificent milestone at the 5pm mass on October 29th and stay tuned as tickets are going on sale soon for the special Gala dinner.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is a program for seniors at St. Luke's Parish. Our goal is to affirm and support each other. Seeking opportunities to grow stronger mentally, physically and spiritually as we journey through the second half of our lives.

Please join us for an “**in person**” meeting on **Wednesday, October 12th** at 10:30 am in the parish hall. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Vivian Wong at: vivianwong@rogers.com for more information.



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

October 2nd from 2-3pm
Southeast corner of Yonge & Steeles Ave.

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year in the parking lot at the South East corner of Yonge and Steeles Ave. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Life, the first inalienable right,” and “Adoption, the loving option.” You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain. You can also contact Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 and greg.benoit@rogers.com

FIRST FRIDAY – October 7, 2022



Please join us Friday, October 7th for an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9:30 am. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

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