

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 |
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| Children & Dates of Births: | |
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There is no story in the scriptures, which so poignantly points out human ingratitude as that of the **Ten Lepers** who came to Jesus desperately longing to be cured of their loathsome disease. They begged for mercy but when the crisis passed, they saw things differently. Jesus was tapping deeply into ordinary human emotions when he uttered those heartbreak words: “Were not ten made clean?” The other nine, where are they?” He was obviously troubled by their lack of appreciation. We might well wonder what the reason for such a display of ungratefulness was. Why is saying “Thank you” such a problem? Maybe the lepers were so excited at being back in society that they forgot the one who heard their cry of distress and cured them. Perhaps they thought that Jesus was just doing his job as a healer and took their cure for granted. Whatever the reason, their display of ingratitude diminished them as individuals. They also missed the deep inner peace and joy that comes from giving thanks.

**O God, you have given so much to me;
Give me one thing more, a grateful heart.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | Mass of Thanksgiving – Family of John & Theresa Lee |
| Tuesday | Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Thomas Dermody Soul of Rosa Loong Soul of Patsy Lobo Soul of Michael McCloskey |
| Wednesday | Soul of Edita Palma Papa |
| Thursday | Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin |
| Friday | Special Intentions of the Chua Family |

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**

Mustard Seed Faith

Last Sunday I took Fr. Wen’s homiletic words to heart and put my faith into action by attending the Life Chain event with my three boys. Just as the disciples from the Gospel, I was hoping our faith would grow by doing so and as usual, God was true to his Word.

Arriving at the designated location for 2pm, we retrieved our signs and occupied the northwest corner of Yonge and Steeles. It was a lovely afternoon and many people smiled, gave us the thumbs-up and honked their horns in support of our efforts for the first 45 minutes of our 1-hour pro-life street vigil. With about 15 minutes remaining a fellow parishioner and friend joined us holding a sign that read: ‘Adoption the loving option.’ She shared with us that earlier in the hour a passerby had rolled down her car window and challenged her asking: ‘How many children have you adopted?’ We chatted about the comment and I shared with her that the wait in Canada to adopt a child could be many years.

A few minutes after our brief conversation a young man got off a local bus and noticing my friend’s sign approached us asking what we were doing. We shared that we were from a local church participating in Life Chain, a pro-life, cross Canada event. He smiled and shared with us that he was adopted and was just thinking the night before of how grateful he was that his parents had adopted him and that he wanted to let them know the next time he was chatting with them. He then thanked us for what we were doing saying how much he appreciated our efforts before going on his way.

Dumbfounded and with tears in our eyes my friend and I looked at each other without needing to say a word about what had just occurred. The beautiful weather, the sense of comradery with fellow parishioners, the warmth of the local community and the inner sense of peace we had already been abundantly gifted with over the first 45 minutes of the vigil were far more than generous on God’s behalf and nothing more was needed yet God decided to top it all off with a miracle for good measure.

Like the Samaritan Leper who was the only one to return and give thanks to Jesus for his healing we are called this Thanksgiving Weekend and every weekend to be grateful for the harvest and for all the many ways God has blessed us. God’s love and generosity knows no bounds and desires to overflow in our hearts.

As it turns out Fr. Wen was right and faith in action does grow. Not in small and incremental measures but in great leaps and bounds exceeding all expectations, capable of moving mountains, mulberry bushes and fearful hearts.
John Humphries

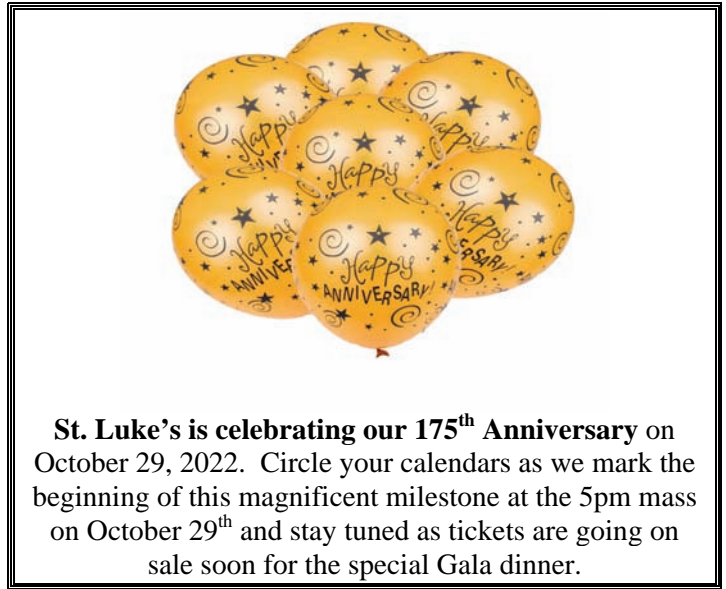


A HUGE THANK YOU!!
The CWL would like to thank everyone who donated, purchased and volunteered at the White Elephant Sale. The total proceeds raised was **\$1722.00**. The funds will be going towards our social justice programs and the parish.



FEAST OF ST. LUKE

Please join us Tuesday October 18th for a special evening mass as we celebrate our Patron Saint – Saint Luke, the Evangelist. Pray the Rosary – 6:30 pm Mass - 7:00 pm followed by light refreshments in the narthex.



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 TEEN IS BACK!

After 2 years, we are excited to welcome high school students back for Life Teen beginning Fridays **bi-weekly** October 14th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Bring your high school friends and explore your faith in a safe space.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL
Bundle Up Weekend
October 22 & 23rd

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer is returning to the church parking lot October 22 & 23 to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please ... no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** The container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist with loading the trailers before and after each mass. **THANK YOU!!!**



EDGE IS BACK!

After 2 years, we are excited to also welcome students in grades 6-8 to join us Fridays **bi-weekly** starting October 21st from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Come & meet new friends and explore your faith in a safe space!



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