

St. Luke's Parish

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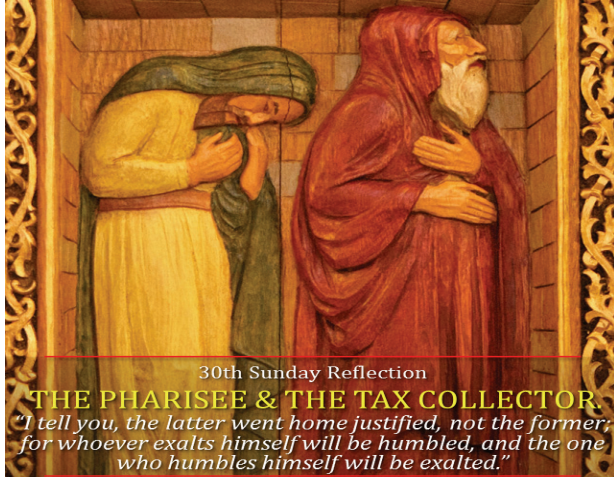
Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Get Over Yourself

“The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.”

Have you ever received an insincere apology? The kind of “sorry, not sorry,” statements that leave you feeling even more upset? I’ve definitely received the “sorry, not sorry”, as well as said them more than I’d like to admit. These kinds of apologies are frustrating because they are more about the person passing blame or dodging it rather than someone trying to mend a relationship. They lack humility and make the apology about themselves, not reconciliation.

The Gospel today calls us out on the “sorry, not sorry” statements we make to God. “Well, Lord, I know that I gossiped about Jamie today, but at least I don’t gossip as much as Tom, he is the worst.” Basically, we are really saying, “Sorry, Lord, but I’m not really sorry. Because isn’t there someone worse than me?” What I tend to say in these situations, is “God, I’m not that bad. At least I’m still a good person.”

The Pharisee is having his “sorry, not sorry” moment right next to a tax collector. But he should’ve been more attentive to what was written in the Book of Sirach; God hears the cry of the poor and oppressed. This includes those poor and broken by sin. The tax collector begs for mercy – he owns up to his sin. The tax collector was heard by God, but the Pharisee was really just talking to himself the entire time. When I make an insincere apology to God, I can’t receive healing, because I’m really just talking to myself.

The beautiful thing about seeking forgiveness sincerely from God is we get much better at giving mercy to others. Paul was abandoned at his trial, yet he asks that those who deserted him would be forgiven. “May it not be held against them!” Paul is likely thinking about the many sins he committed that God wasn’t holding over his head. Sincere apologies bring sincere forgiveness and healing. And when we are sincerely forgiven, we can go do the same.

Challenge of the Week:

Reflect on someone from whom you need to seek forgiveness. This week, apologize to that person sincerely. If this isn't possible, write a letter or email to him or her and send it. If contacting that person is not possible, write the letter and then bring it to a Eucharistic chapel to pray for that person.

-Alan Lee Hoy

Prayer must come from a sincere and humble heart if it is to be heard. We have to be honest about our sinfulness in God’s eyes, and our need for mercy and forgiveness. This gospel contains a warning for all of us about the danger of becoming spiritually smug and of presenting ourselves as deserving subjects of God’s mercy because of the good works we have performed. We have not earned our salvation, for grace is the gift of Jesus from the cross. In this gospel, Jesus cautions against contempt, snobbery and of thinking ourselves better than our neighbor. He knows who and what we are. We are all sinners and deeply in need of opening our hearts to his merciful love.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday Soul of **Anthony Ng**
- Tuesday Soul of **Tom Schmoll**
- Soul of **Mehret Gmarian**
- Soul of **Eleanor Metivier**
- Souls of **Anthony Ng**
- Mass of Thanksgiving – **The Pena Family**
- & Intentions of **Holy-Anne** on her 18th birthday
- Wednesday Soul of **Anthony Ng**
- Thursday Soul of **Anthony Ng**
- Friday Soul of **Abraham Matias**

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 Kim**

Thank you to the Blessed Trinity Carmelite Prayer Group for their donation towards our recent purchase of new tables for use in the parish hall. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

October 23, 2022

Are you able to host a Ukrainian Family?

With over 80,000 Ukrainian's having already arrived, most to Toronto area, and a further 500,000 who have applied to the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program, the need is great. Those who are interested are invited to register for ORAT's online information session, where they will learn more about the hosting program or contact the parish office for direction. Thank you.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2022

Monday, October 24th

All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for these candidates to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 1-October 23rd. We hope you will take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure you vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect, ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.



St. Luke's is celebrating our 175th Anniversary on October 29, 2022.

The celebration of this magnificent milestone will begin at the 5pm mass with his Eminence; Cardinal Thomas Collins scheduled to celebrate mass. Registration for the Gala Dinner in our parish hall has completed and final payments will be collected in the narthex after each mass this weekend, for those that registered.

WILLS, POWER OF ATTORNEY & ESTATE PLANNING

Are you Caribbean or of Caribbean descent? If so, there is a **FREE** special event at the historic St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto, on **Saturday, October 29th, 2022**. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burials and cremation. See the bulletin board for more information.

World Mission Sunday – October 23

Special Collection

October is Missionary month and an opportunity to honour our life as Christians by assisting at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from around the world and distributed to needy missions and dioceses.

Pope Francis wrote: "I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities".

Thank you for your support of this important work.



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

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer is returning to the church parking lot this weekend 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!!!**

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Contact the development office at 416-934-3400 ext 561/519 for more information.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Wednesday evening, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** The mass will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please e-mail their name to stlukesth@archtoronto.org by **Monday, October 31st**.

** There is no change to our Wednesday morning mass, which will proceed as scheduled at 9:00 am.

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