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The story of **Zacchaeus** is a powerful example of God's forgiving love at work in the world. It demonstrates that no person or situation is beyond hope or outside the limits of God's mercy. When we hurt all over, live in shame, or are on our knees because of the weight of our sins, it is then that we leave ourselves open for the power of God to work in our lives. Christ's invitation to Zacchaeus to "come down, hurry because I must stay at your house today" is addressed to everyone who is not happy with their situation. This is an opportunity to open our hearts and place before God our fears, worries, uncertainties and to ask for the richness of his healing presence in the midst of our concerns. Knowing that God accepts us unconditionally should lead us to respond generously too. We have a future and should not feel held back by our sinful past.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of John Wood-Salomon
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Souls of Char Li Yun Chu & Char Nee Khong Soul of Michelle & Chiara Vaira Souls of Carmen, Savior & Michael Fenech Soul of Michael McCloskey
Wednesday	Soul of Alice Van Patten
Thursday	Soul of Leo Ceolin
Friday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua

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**

SCAPEGOATING

A few years ago, I was troubled by a friend who experienced being a scapegoat. He reacted truthfully about a contentious social issue, but was rejected by his community for doing so and was forced to resign from his position. Through his dismissal, a greater peace resulted between the two opposing sides in the conflict.

According to Rene Girard, a French historian, scapegoating is nothing new and can be found in the beginnings of the bible with the first murder of Abel. He claims that our creaturely, communal nature means that our desires are mimetic or copied from each other. Since we all end up desiring the same things, conflict eventually ensues, as resources are limited. Such conflict would lead to the eventual destruction of the community so a scapegoat mechanism has evolved to prevent the communities' mutual destruction. Behind the mechanism is the great Accuser or Satan who works to perpetuate the scapegoat mechanism to sustain his earthly kingdom.

Scapegoating happens in all aspects of society and even with the Blue Jays this season as manager Charlie Montoyo was fired for the team's poor performance. It is perplexing how the scapegoat mechanism works so well given how unjust it is. The reason it continues to work is because all scapegoats hold some guilt. My friend was not perfect, Charlie Montoyo made mistakes, instances of impropriety can always be found within any persecuted minority group etc. This was not the case for one particular scapegoat in human history, Jesus. Jesus was innocent and his crucifixion fully revealed to society the workings and the injustices of the scapegoat mechanism as the Centurion declares: 'Certainly this man was innocent.'

Caiaphas reveals what we all have inherited in our broken human nature: 'That it is better that one should die for the people than the whole nation be destroyed'. In acknowledging this though, we see our own implicit cooperation in Jesus' death and our own collective guilt. Consequently, we can never participate in the scapegoat mechanism quite the same way again: 'For let he who is without sin cast the first stone'. This awareness is the first step towards true reconciliation with God and neighbour and our living out the Kingdom of God as we witness Zacchaeus doing in the Gospel this weekend rising above the mob's collective pursuit of limited wealth to imitate Jesus' model of unlimited love.

Aware of this tendency to scapegoat everybody and anybody including ourselves, we are invited instead to unite ourselves with what many consider the greatest act in human history after Christ's Passion, Mary's silence at the foot of the cross. Where an innocent mother loves an innocent Son to the very end. John Humphries.



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**.

During the month of November, you will find the All Souls envelopes in the pew pockets. Please write the names of those you wish to remember throughout the month, & place them in the basket at the altar along with your donation. Prayers will be offered to these souls throughout the month of November.

** There is no change to our Wednesday, November 2nd morning mass, which will proceed as scheduled at 9:00 am.



For a variety of reasons, our Prayer Shawl Ministry is wrapping up and this will be the final time the ladies will be selling their beautiful knitted items in the narthex. Just in time for winter, there will be a large selection for you to choose from the weekend of **November 12th & November 13th** before & after all masses. They also want to thank you for your past generous support as 100% of all proceeds went to various charities over the years.

Thank you Prayer Shawl Ministry!

FIRST SATURDAY – November 5, 2022

Please join us Saturday, November 5th for First Saturday mass beginning at 8:30 am.



The Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus invite you to their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on Saturday, **November 19 from 4pm until 6:30pm** and Sunday, **November 20 from 8am until 2pm** in the parish hall. Just in time for Christmas, visiting vendors will be selling a wide variety of items. Enjoy complimentary coffee/tea while you shop & then visit the hotdog & soup counter for a quick bite to eat. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a selection of beautiful baskets!



FIRST FRIDAY – November 4, 2022

Please join us Friday, November 4th for an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9:30 am. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

**“Welcome Back” - ADVENT RETREAT
SATURDAY November 26, 2022**

After 3 years, we are pleased to be able to host an Advent Retreat in the parish hall this year. The facilitators will be John Humphries & Alan Lee Hoy, and based on the book “Behold” written by Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The theme is a journey of healing with Mary, Joseph, the child Jesus and the Holy Family. More information to follow.



Happy 175th Birthday St. Luke's Parish!

It's official – St. Luke's Parish in Thornhill has entered into our 175th year.

We plan to keep the party going with upcoming events throughout the year so stay tuned.

Let's make this a year to remember!



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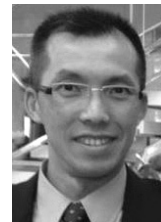
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