

# St. Luke's Parish

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 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.  
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As we near the end of the church year, with the gloom of winter upon us, it is a good time to do some thinking about life in all its dimensions. We can be so caught up in our present existence that we lose sight of our eternal destiny. To gain a deeper perspective on the values of life, we need to take time to reflect on: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my being alive and of my existence in this world? Where is my pilgrim journey taking me? What message is God conveying to me through the words from sacred scripture? The last line of the gospel announces triumphantly “By your endurance you will gain your souls.” It stresses the importance of keeping faith and not losing heart. God calls us, not to success but to faithfulness. We need have no fear. It is God’s world, he is in control and things will unfold in accordance with his plan.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
Monday	Intentions of <b>Patricia Lee</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Tom Schmoll</b> <b>Deceased family &amp; friends of John &amp; Theresa Lee</b> Soul of <b>Michael McCloskey</b> Intentions of <b>Sylvia &amp; Frank Leaver</b> Souls of <b>Rajpat &amp; Rookmin Teresa Kawall</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Robert Rajasingham</b>
Thursday	Souls of the unborn – <b>Anthony &amp; Hope Lee</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Clarence Beaton</b>

<p><b>PRAYER REQUEST LINE</b> 905 881-2786 ext. 250</p>
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<p><i>Please pray for the sick in our community.</i> May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: <b>Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Teresa Kim, Marie Ceolin, Paul Benoit, Daniela Militaru, Justin &amp; Teddy Givens and Joanna Kim</b></p>
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*“The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.”*

By now, you are probably sensing a common theme in the readings and it isn’t butterflies and flying unicorns. The imagery that the prophet Malachi uses is frightening, well, at least if you’re an “evil doer.” If evil is your game, the forecast is going to get very hot. Malachi’s prophecies come at a time that was filled with a lot of corruption at various levels of political and religious power and his prophecy strikes at the heart of this corruption. His message is simple, “God sees, and it won’t last. Someone is coming to make things right again.”

In a similar way, Paul calls out the people in Thessalonica for their laziness and refusal to work yet thrives on the work of others. He was likely speaking to those in power that benefitted from the labour of others yet did nothing to help. Laziness is a form of corruption, and Paul doesn’t want any of it. Rather, he wants people to work and avoid laziness. Why be ready? Because just as Malachi prophesied the first coming of Christ, St. Paul wants people to be ready for the second. In the Gospel, Jesus points to His second coming and the trials that will precede it. There will be persecution, but for those that avoid the path of corruption the ending is clear: Jesus wins this victory. As we approach the season of Advent, the readings remind us that we need to always be prepared for the second coming of Christ, working diligently to share our faith and if necessary defend it – knowing that at any moment Jesus could return to set the world on fire.

**Challenge of the Week:**

Do something out of the ordinary for your prayer routine. Make it something that is challenging for you (but something you can accomplish). Keep a journal about your prayer experiences every day, noting how easy or challenging the prayer you’ve chosen feels.

**Challenge of the Month:**

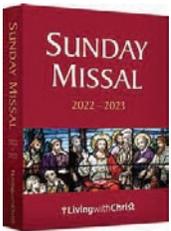
This challenge is more of an invitation. You’re invited to spend a day in prayer, reflection and fellowship on Saturday, Nov 26 at our St. Luke’s Parish Advent Retreat. The season of Advent is a time to prepare, not only for the season of Christmas and Christmas Day, but also for Jesus’ second coming.

Join us as we journey with Mary, Joseph, the child Jesus, and the Holy Family to prepare and allow God to heal us as we joyfully anticipate the coming of our Lord.

-Alan Lee Hoy

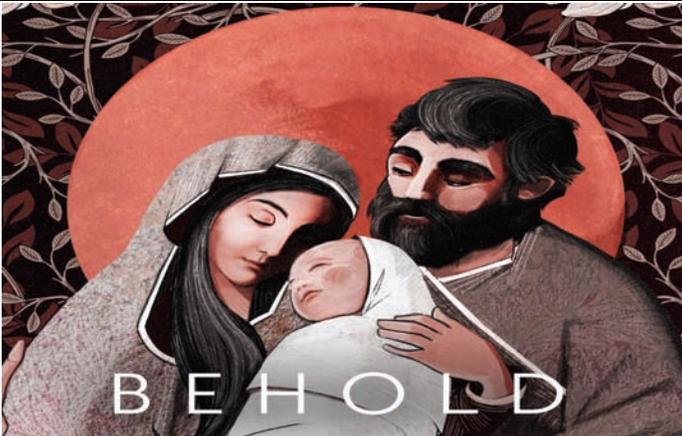


The Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus invite you to their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** next weekend - Saturday, **November 19 from 4pm until 6:30pm** and Sunday, **November 20 from 8am until 2pm** in the parish hall. Just in time for Christmas, visiting vendors will be selling a wide variety 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!



**SUNDAY MISSAL**

The 2022-2023 Sunday Missal is now available in the narthex before & after each mass for \$5.00. You can also contact the office during the week to purchase a copy.



***"Welcome Back" - ADVENT RETREAT***  
**SATURDAY November 26, 2022**  
**9:00am – 1:00pm**

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.

Register in the narthex or online at:  
<https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>



**ALL SOULS**

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members & friends on the All Souls envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Place the envelope in the basket at the altar for remembrance prayers at every mass during the month of November.



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**November 12th & 13th**

There will be a special collection this weekend for The Shepherds' Trust.

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

**MARKHAM PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

**Hot Buffet Breakfast - 7:00 – 9:00 am**

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Markham Prayer Breakfast – a time when the community gathers to pray for the people of Markham and leaders both in Markham and at all levels of Government. See the bulletin board for more information and if you would like to attend, please contact Lois at ext 221.



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 this weekend **November 12<sup>th</sup> & November 13<sup>th</sup>** 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. This year the Georgina Community Food Pantry will benefit from your generosity.

***Thank you Prayer Shawl Ministry!***

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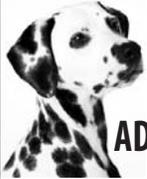

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