

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

PARISH	St. Anthony's	St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke	St. Robert C.H.S.	Saint John Paul II
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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>

First Sunday in Advent



The first Sunday of Advent is upon us again and another year begins with the story of the coming of the Lord. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the longing and hope within the hearts of the Jewish people for the arrival of the Messiah and Saviour. The birth of Jesus, which on the surface seemed an ordinary occurrence, was an event so far beyond expectation and belief that the Israelites needed a long period of preparation for it. During that time, God sent many messengers and prophets to instruct, guide, encourage and chastise his chosen people, and at last, when the time was ready, the Almighty sent his Son into the world. Nothing like it ever happened before and nothing like it will ever happen again until Christ returns in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Wendy Leung
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Souls of Elizabeth & Thomas Donnelly Mass of Thanksgiving – Lani Susanto & Family
	Soul of Michael McCloskey Soul of Dino Morello
Wednesday	Soul of Hector Rodrigues Sr.
Thursday	Souls of Michelle & Chiara Vaira
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, Marie Ceolin, Paul Benoit, Justin & Teddy Givens, Joanna Kim, Victoria Chimenti and Nelia Publico Dela Vega**

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2022 PARISH GOAL - \$140,000.00

Collected to date - \$141,590.08

We have surpassed our goal!

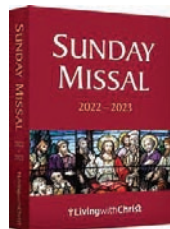
Thank you for "Living the Gospel"



St. Luke's CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 10 - 7:00 PM

Once again, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season as only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs (yes the kids are included) of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The concert is free but a basket will be available for a free will offering. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

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.



Children's Christmas Eve Family Mass - 2022

Children from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the children's choir and perform in the pageant for the family mass on Christmas Eve. This very special event enables the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season. All abilities are most welcome. The choir and pageant will hold rehearsals on Sunday afternoons. Choir practices will start on November 20. For those who are interested, please fill out the form found at <https://forms.gle/DvGi7XGDWjdQgwwC8> by November 27th. Thank you!



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

December 3 & 4, 2022

Just in time for Christmas, we welcome Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians."

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayer and please enjoy the many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by Christian families in Bethlehem available for purchase after each mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheques will be accepted. You can also visit www.HolylandChristians.ca



Join us Friday morning December 2nd at 9:30 am for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend an hour with Jesus. Join us for 1st Saturday mass December 3rd at 8:30 am as we celebrate Our Mother Mary.



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 in November.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393 invites all parishioners to join them to support their **COATS FOR KIDS** campaign, which ends November 29th which is "Giving Tuesday" an international day of giving. Your **on-line financial donation** enables the Knights of Columbus to purchase warm winter clothing for children in need. For more information & to make your on-line donation go to: <https://ontariokofc.ca/coats-for-kids/>



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Advent will be celebrated at the parish on Tuesday December 20th from 7:30-8:00 pm and Wednesday December 21st from 9:30-10:00 am.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Baskets

As we prepare to enter the Christmas 2022 season, we are reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex and pew pockets for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 4th with distribution of gift cards to our needy families the week of December 11th. Thank you for your continued support of this program. * Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



St. Luke's Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry

would like to thank everyone who has supported them over many years. This year \$1685.50 was raised from the sale of a variety of knitted items and the Georgina Community Food Pantry will receive 100% of the proceeds. Although the ministry will no longer gather on a regular basis at the parish, the ladies will continue to knit, so watch for their beautiful knitted items at parish events as they continue supporting various charitable agencies.

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