

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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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"/>



Long Time Coming

“The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD.”

Prophecy is a tricky thing. Far more than some kind of divinely inspired “fortune telling,” the prophets were ordinary people called to share extraordinary things. Many of the prophecies that God entrusted to His holy mouthpieces were speaking of truths both in the present and for the future. The words from today’s first reading, however, demonstrate a promise God makes and communicates through Isaiah that would take a long time to come to fruition ... centuries, in fact.

God may not act on our timeline, but He does act. Our heavenly Father may not fulfill all of His promises during your lifetime, but He will fulfill them. This is why St. Paul can write with such certainty in the second reading to the Romans. God’s holy Word is supposed to bring us encouragement and foster endurance for this Christian walk we are living. Just as John the Baptist pointed us ahead to Jesus’ arrival and our ultimate judgment, so the Church echoes our need to spread and share the Gospel with any and all we encounter so that, indeed, the world “shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:9). His prophecies might take time to unfold, but that time allows the rest of us to share the Good News with even more souls before Christ returns.

Reflect:

Is there an area of your life that you haven’t given to the Lord? Why? Are you afraid that He won’t take care of it?

Challenge of the Week:

Try to see this week through the lens of hope. Hope helps us recognize and give thanks for the good parts of our day, while providing consolation through the bad parts. Although some promises take longer than others to fulfill, hope allows us to realize how present God is in our lives. He is constantly working in our waiting.

-Alan Lee Hoy

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Andrew Leung
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll
	Soul of Leticia Villacorta
	Souls of Ines & Antonio Gorizzan
	Soul of Rosina Zannese
	Souls of Raimonda & Raimondo Sensi
	Soul of Evelina Zanette
Wednesday	Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin
Thursday	Soul of Lydia Bustamante
Friday	Soul of Antonio Carvalho

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**

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES



The assigned 2023 donation envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. You can also contact the office to pickup during the week or

to arrange for envelopes to be assigned to you.

December 4, 2022

SL ShareLife

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2022 PARISH GOAL - \$140,000.00

Collected to date - \$141,590.08

We have surpassed our goal!

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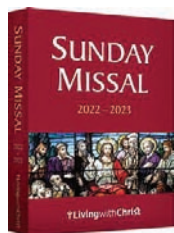
St. Luke's CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 10 - 7:00 PM

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. Please contact the office to purchase a copy for \$5.00.



Children's Christmas Eve Family Mass

December 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm

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 in the lounge beginning at 1:30pm. Thank you!



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

December 3 & 4, 2022

Just in time for Christmas, this weekend 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. 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



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

This is the final weekend for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket program. Let us all be 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 your convenience. Your generous donations assist in providing food gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. We will be distributing the gift cards to our needy families the week of December 11th. Thank you for your annual support of this program.

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