

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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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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The journey of the Magi causes us to reflect on our own journey through this world. The Magi were not wandering aimlessly, but were heading in a definite direction with a specific purpose in mind. In the course of their journeying there were many twists and turns that kept them alert, caused them to seek advice and frequently alter course, but they persevered and kept moving forward towards their intended goal. Just as the Magi spotted the star, we are called to read the sign that will point us to the right road. In the course of life we may travel across oceans, visit many lands and meet different peoples but the one journey that ultimately matters is the journey inward, into the place deep within one's self. The journey inward to that quiet place where one's life and spirit is united with the life and spirit of God.

What Did the Magi See?

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany means to manifest or reveal. The three primary epiphanies in the bible are the Epiphany to the Magi, the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana. At each of these primary manifestations, something is being communicated or revealed to the world about the identity of Jesus.

At the Baptism of our Lord, and the wedding Feast at Cana, it is clear how the identity of Jesus is revealed. With the Baptism of our Lord, God's voice announces to John his Son's identity saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," and at the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus identity is made visible by his turning water into wine. But with the Magi the revelation of Jesus' identity isn't so clear.

The Magi were guided by the miraculous behavior of the star but what did these Gentiles witness in the Holy Family that assured them of Jesus' divine identity? What did they see in this simple Jewish family living in Bethlehem so long ago that assured them that divinity was present?

As I continued to reflect, I realized that the answer was right under my nose. I only needed to observe my own family buzzing around me to see that the Epiphany surrounded me. Every fight, every cuddle, every tear, every laugh, every kiss pointed to a celestial Mystery beyond us. The key was looking up with the eyes of faith to witness God at work in everything and treasure the Spirit's movements. We need only look to Herod in the story to see how easily we can be blind and hardened to God at work.

Within each person and within ourselves we encounter an epiphany of God's grace just waiting to be unwrapped and discovered. A gift to be opened revealing the nature of God our creator. How 'Magi' cal life becomes when we truly look at everything we encounter as an epiphany. Suddenly ordering a coffee at Tim Horton's or changing a baby's diaper becomes a transcendental experience, an encounter with the divine.

I think this is what the Magi encountered when they looked in upon the Holy Family. They saw a family that treasured every moment, every encounter with one another. A family so in love and in touch with God that the love radiated throughout their entire house, their village, their country and the world. A palpable love that the Magi had been longing for their entire lives that they had to share with the world.

A love I feel so blessed to encounter each Sunday here at St. Luke's as we relive the Epiphany and Jesus is born again on the altar. Let us go forth this day, and share the Light that shines within each of us and reveal God to all we encounter. Let us live God's eternal epiphany. John Humphries.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Joanna Kim
Tuesday	Soul of Rebecca Chan Soul of Anna Barberis Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua Mass of Thanksgiving – Caroline Chu Mass of Thanksgiving – Gonzalo Ramirez
Wednesday	Intentions of Rosaria Lee
Thursday	Intentions of Rosa Jung
Friday	Intentions of Sister Bertilla Park

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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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, Justin & Teddy Givens, Victoria Chimenti, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega and Don Bownes**



ALPHA at St. Luke's
Starting February 23rd 2023
Sign-up Weekend Jan 14th / Jan 15th

What is Alpha? Alpha for Catholics is an opportunity to explore life's most important questions, the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

St. Luke's community welcomes you to join us in a series of interactive online video sessions where we can engage in conversations about faith, life and Jesus.

Date: February 23rd to May 11th
Time: Weekly each **Thursday @ 7:30 pm**

All are welcome! May all who come as Guests, leave as Friends.

For further details, please contact the St. Luke's Alpha team at stlukesalphaserie@gmail.com

Update your Information!



The office is busy preparing our files for tax receipt time. Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number in the past year? If so, please be sure to provide the parish with your updated information at:

stlukesth@archtoronto.org

2022 tax receipts will be mailed out at the end of January.

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES



The **assigned** 2023 donation envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex until the end of January.

You can also contact Lois at

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to request assigned donation envelopes.

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Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24
school year begins January 9, 2023

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