

# 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  
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When someone tells you are the **Salt** of the earth, they are paying you a great compliment. When Jesus Christ called his followers the salt of the earth, he was indicating how highly he prized them and the greatness they were capable of achieving. In the story of the creation of the world, God’s first act was to dispel darkness and bring order out of chaos by producing **Light**. The gospel reminds us of our calling to bring Jesus as the light into the world. The brightness of our lives as we follow in the footsteps of Christ enlightens the path to God for those around us.

There is a warmth and attractiveness about those whose good deeds and actions reflect the image of Jesus, the light of the world. The presence of a genuine Christ-like character enriches the community and enables the best in others to come forth.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
Monday	Soul of <b>Odino Soligo</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Harry Panting</b> Souls of <b>Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Cheung</b> Soul of <b>Stephen Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Frances Seaton</b> Soul of <b>Annie Yao</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>John Lucas Polack</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Anna Thomas Kadenkavil</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Fr. Joseph Nandikatt</b>

<p><b>PRAYER REQUEST LINE</b> 905 881-2786 ext. 250</p>
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*Please pray for the sick in our community.*  
May all who are ill place their trust in Jesus, the Divine Healer, who brings comfort and peace to all who believe especially: **Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Justin & Teddy Givens, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes and Noli Reyes**

**First Aid**

*“Your wound shall be quickly healed”*

If you’ve ever witnessed an accident or found yourself in a situation where someone needed emergency medical attention, then you know how stressful it can be. As people wait for an ambulance to arrive, other people desperately begin searching for a doctor or nurse or anyone with medical or emergency training. If viewed through this lens of urgency, action, and wisdom, this week’s readings have a similar theme.

As Christians, we are **called** to act, to serve, and to help the Lord in His work of salvation here on Earth. To extend the analogy, if Christ is the divine surgeon in the E.R. of the sanctuary and confessional, we who know Him and follow Him are like His paramedics. **We help bring the sick to the physician.** We aren’t supposed to hide our light but to shine brightly, as the Gospel challenges us. God’s children must be prepared to act and to serve in tangible ways, ways that will save lives (and souls), as we see in Isaiah’s admonition. If we are humble enough to trust in God’s wisdom and power — the first aid training we have received — we will be prepared to **share His knowledge and His truth with the souls dying for it**, spiritually.

If we see the culture for where it really is — a culture of darkness and increasing hopelessness — there will be a sense of urgency for us to respond. Souls are perishing and the modern Christian must be prepared to become small (in humility) but not act small (with false humility or timidity). God wants us to act and to do so in a way that unleashes His power and brings Him all the glory.

**Reflect:** (on 1 or more of the following) (1) Before we can bring others to health, we must be healthy ourselves. Is there anything from your past that has created a wound? Has it been healed? If not, how can you open yourself up to God’s healing power?; (2) Have you ever brought someone to Christ who needed healing? How did that experience change you?; or (3) How is God calling you to bring others to Him (or bring Him to others)? Is there a kind of service that you feel a pull towards?

**Challenge of the Week:** One way that we can serve others and bring them closer to Christ is to be hospitable. Meeting someone’s needs by sacrificing yourself, belongings, or time are all things that Jesus did while walking on this Earth. This week, be hospitable. Invite a friend to your home and make them dinner. Tutor that guy in your math class who is having trouble with the particular lesson you are learning. Not only invite someone to Alpha, but join and accompany them in the journey. Service and sacrifice for others always glorifies God.

-Alan Lee Hoy

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Sunday, February 12, 2023  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond Street, Toronto

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2023** celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60+) in 2023.

**Registration is now closed** for this Mass of Celebration but you are invited to join the celebration via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 pm.



**Circle of Friends** will meet Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am until 12:00 noon in the parish hall.

Light refreshments will be served .  
Contact Vivian for more information at:

[vivianwong@rogers.com](mailto:vivianwong@rogers.com)



**MOSAIC INTERFAITH**  
**FAITH IN ACTION:**  
**PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**

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For further information, please contact Fran Isaacs at:  
[thisisfran@yahoo.com](mailto:thisisfran@yahoo.com)

*This program is part of U.N. World Interfaith Harmony Week*



**The CWL & the Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a pancake breakfast **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** after all masses in the parish hall.

Come together with fellow parishioners to enjoy a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausages and more for only \$5.00 per person. All are welcome so bring your family & friends.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions spread across Eleven Thursday's plus One Saturday that examine life's big questions. Each gathering includes the basics of the Christian faith and small group conversation. There is no obligation, no pressure, and no cost. All are welcome.

**Alpha** is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Essentially, it is a safe place to explore life's biggest questions.

**How an Alpha Series looks like?**

Short video presentation – A talk exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.

Small group conversation – The presentation is followed by conversation in small groups.

Time & Location – Weekly each Thursdays from Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 07:30 pm to 09:00 pm on **ZOOM**.  
Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts and ask questions in a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere.

**How to Register?**

Just follow the link to register -

<https://linktr.ee/stlukesalpha>

If you have questions about Alpha and would like find out more, contact us at [stlukesalphaseries@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesalphaseries@gmail.com)

**2022 TAX RECEIPTS**

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All are welcome to join the **Praise & Worship Prayer Group** every Monday at 7:30 pm via Zoom:

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