

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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Name	Phone
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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The message of Jesus never ceases to amaze us. Jesus saw his role as fulfilling the law and bringing it to perfection by broadening the scope of the commandments and forcing us to look beyond our actions to our attitudes. He was pointing out it is not only deeds that fall under God’s judgement but motives also. Outward actions should flow from proper motives, convictions and dispositions. Jesus presents the commandments in a more challenging fashion with demands near impossible as he calls for a virtue that is rooted deep in the human heart. Stating that if our intentions are good and pure, then the actions coming from our hearts will flow from love. He is telling us that if we keep ourselves open to the Spirit of God’s love, then what we say and do must express what is deep in our hearts. Christ wants us to purify our intentions and move away from external appearances and observances. It is not enough to pay lip service to the commandments. The real standard is whether our motives are sincere. We might fool some with a good and charitable act, but never God or our conscience.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Rosa Loong
Tuesday	Souls of Steven & Simon Cheung Souls of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawaii Soul of Rudy Augus Gan Mass of Thanksgiving – Mark Anthony Pena Intentions of Jessie Schmoll
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – George & Anna Pinto & family
Thursday	Soul of Clive Joseph
Friday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the faith and hope of the sick be firmly anchored in Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, especially: Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Justin & Teddy Givens, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber and Noli Reyes

Repent The Kingdom Is Near

I was recently angry with my eldest son. I needed the computer to help my younger son with his homework and my eldest was reading a digital book, which he was really enjoying and didn’t want to give it up. I asked him twice and when he did not respond, I screamed at him and told him to give it to me now.

Immediately after, I felt bad about screaming at him and especially in such short fashion. I thought to myself that I will need to go to confession to confess the sin I had just committed. It won’t be the first time as Fr. Mark and Fr. Wen are very familiar with my confessing the sin of anger.

The more I reflected on it though, the more I realized I need to do more than simply confess my sin as it keeps reoccurring. I need to fundamentally change my way of thinking and being with my family, I need what Jesus calls, metanoia. Metanoia is the combination of 2 Greek words meta and noia. Meta means to change and noia means thinking. So, I need to fundamentally change my way of thinking because it keeps resulting in anger.

The first words of Jesus’ public ministry in Mark and Matthew’s Gospels are; “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” The Greek word for repent is metanoia so Jesus is proclaiming that we need to change our way of thinking and enter into a new way of being, rooted in God. This new way of being begins with our Baptism when our connection to the sinful ways of Adam are severed and we are grafted to the New Adam and Tree of Life, Jesus.

If I want to truly change, I need to identify the sin that I keep committing and bring it into the light so God’s love, healing and wisdom may shine upon it. Once revealed and confessed I need to renounce the sin in the name of Jesus asking God to heal and make me whole, something I am incapable of doing on my own.

I can also ask God to help deliver me from future temptations to fall into the sin of anger and to strengthen me that in future interactions I will remain calm and compassionate with the help of God’s grace.

I also need to ask my son and my family for forgiveness and to pray for me. To admit to them I have a problem with anger and need their help and prayers. Finally, I turn to my Church family and ask them for forgiveness and prayers as my sin affects them too, the Body of which I am an integral part.

I have faith that with all these helps in place I will experience the metanoia that Jesus’ is inviting me to and I will slowly become more like our Heavenly Father, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. John Humphries.

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 (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2023.

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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 12th** 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!

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250



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 Thursday from Feb 23rd to May 11th @ 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


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They will also be holding an Open House Wed. Feb 22nd at 2:30pm followed by a **Margaritaville Party** with entertainment by Igor Laze. Please RSVP by calling Glynnwood or send an email to: ginacook@reveraliving.com

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