

Living the Gospel



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It is difficult for us to imagine what it is like to be blind and to live in an isolated world of overpowering darkness. In today's gospel, we meet a man doomed to darkness since birth. Imagine the joy he felt at seeing color and shapes and becoming aware of human behavior for the first time. Such fascinating and surprising discoveries! He also discovered that while he had been physically blind he soon learned the Pharisees were spiritually blind in their willful refusal to believe in Christ. Spiritual blindness surrounds us today. When we chose to see only what suits us, we develop blind spots and miss the richness and blessing of the ordinary.

There are none so blind as those who do not wish to see.

We are reminded during Lent to walk in the light of Christ by living in complete goodness and truth. Every step in our pilgrimage is a journey of faith, discovery and understanding, leading us to the fullness of that light. Jesus has made us sharers in his life-giving work and we are presented with daily opportunities of radiating this light in acts of acceptance, tolerance and love. There are a variety of charitable works that can be carried out within our immediate ability - helping the homeless seeking shelter, the hungry begging for food and the lonely hoping for recognition. Particularly during Lent, let us rise up, overcome our spiritual blindness, put the darkness of sin behind us and live in the light of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Virginia Gorizzan Soul of Joseph Kmet Soul of George Hung Soul of Leo Ceolin
Wednesday	Intentions of John Lee
Thursday	Soul of George Hung
Friday	Soul of Richard Jean

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May sick and the suffering come to know that God the Father cares for them and that they are precious in his eyes, especially: Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Publico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won and Giulio Guizzetti

GOD'S PLAN

For what purpose were you created? What vocation did God place within you to fulfill? Many walk-through life in darkness, unable to answer either of the questions. Once we come to know God as Father through our Baptism and begin to seek and discern His will for our lives, the darkness fades away and we walk in the light. St. Paul illuminates this point beautifully for the Ephesians in this week's second reading. For just as the man born blind only finally "sees" thanks to Christ in the Gospel passage, we only come to understand life's purpose and our role within God's plan of salvation by way of Christ and His sacraments. Just as the miraculous healing of Christ points us to our Baptism, David's anointing in the first reading also has an almost sacramental feel to it. While Confirmation did not exist in its current understanding in the time of David, the anointing with oil and "the spirit of the Lord" rushing upon the young man certainly has sacramental undertones and foreshadowing. While you may not yet fully comprehend what your future holds - what you are to do or who you are to become - the great news, as echoed in the Psalm, is that you have nothing to fear. If you know, love, and serve God, He will be with you, at your side, to go before you and cast His light into all darkness. You need not fear; you need only say "yes." God's plan for you is perfect and far better than anything you could ever come up with on your own.

Challenge of the Week: Read a passage from Scripture that encourages you not to fear every day this week. Reflect on what you're afraid of, and find comfort in God's aid.

- Alan Lee Hoy



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March 19, 2023

The Thornhill Ministerial Assoc.



Invites you to

LENTEN SERIES 2023

Gathering as God's People

"Gathering for Service"

Sunday March 26 – 4:00pm

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church

39 Green Lane

Speaker: Mini Choi

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together. *Hebrews 10:24-25*



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1st – April 9th

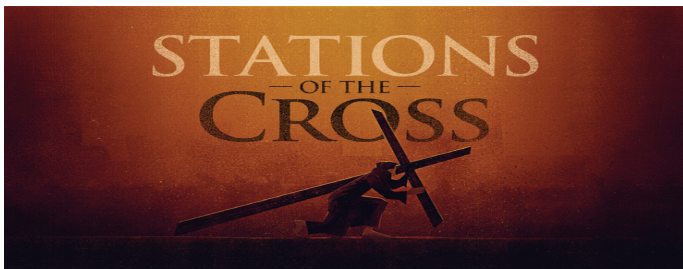
Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 1 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 2 - 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

Holy Thursday – April 6 – 7:30 pm - *Mass of Our Lord's Supper including Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

Good Friday - April 7 - 10:30 am - *Children's Way of the Cross and 3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

Holy Saturday - April 8 - 8:00 pm - *Easter Vigil Mass including Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates.*

Easter Sunday - April 9 - 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm



Join us in praying the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday morning during Lent at 9:30 am after mass. All are invited to come and spend an hour in prayer.

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Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00

Raised to date - \$1713.00

Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife. Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next weekend – March 26th - is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope located in the pew pockets or online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the gospel!



St. Luke's Parish

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 21st
7:30 pm until 8:15 pm
Wednesday, March 22nd
9:30 am – 10:30 am



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

March 18/19 and March 25/26

"When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink....." (Matthew 25:35).

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food, etc.) to the parish **March 18/19 & March 25/26**.

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