

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 - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Devotions - 8:30 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. 905-881-2786 Ext 221

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For more information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the York Catholic District School Board at 905-713-2711 or www.ycdsb.ca

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

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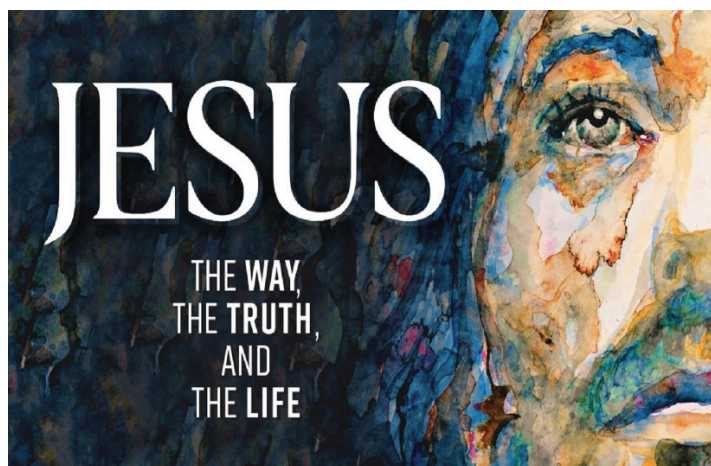
Children & Dates of Births:

New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



In one form or another human beings have been wrestling with loss and fear of the unknown since the beginning of time. Jesus' response is **"I am the way, the truth and the life"**. He speaks of himself as the sure way to be absolutely confident of God's welcome into eternity. It is an assurance that in the middle of our trouble and our pain there is no need to be afraid because he is there with us and for us. The good news is that no matter who we are or what we do we have a heavenly home, a place that will be ready once we have completed our earthly journey. The road to God is sure because it is Christ who leads the way, gives us safe guidance and takes us to our destination. The place Jesus has in store for us is our lasting home in heaven, a shelter where the homeless will come home and where those who have lost their way will one day find for themselves a safe haven and peace at last.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Souls of Joel & Justo Vicera
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Anar Adatia Souls of Daisy & Arturo Suero Souls of Jason Gomes & Costodia Capelas Soul of Avelino Millora
Wednesday	Soul of Audrey MacEachern
Thursday	Intentions of Kathy Boyle
Friday	Soul of Maria Lai

Please pray for the sick in our community.

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke and Leslie Albert

Harden Not Your Hearts

I have a friend who is estranged from his family. At one point there was a disagreement and after that he told me that he was closing the door on them. His mother is finding the rupture extremely difficult. She has tried many times to reconcile and at one point even went to his house and stood outside the door knocking but no one answered.

This weekend in the Gospel, we once again encounter Thomas who despite his doubts never turns his back on Jesus. Jesus is preparing the disciples for his impending Passion and like the other disciples, Jesus' words confuse Thomas. Thomas is unafraid to share his confusion and says to Jesus: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

The truth is that doubts are completely natural in life and relationships. We all have doubts and they are the seeds of our faith. We have doubts and over time as we experience the consistent love of a family member, a spouse or a friend we grow in faith and trust. The same is true of our relationship with God. It is completely natural to have our doubts about a God we can neither see nor touch. The important thing is what we do with our doubts. Do they distance us from God or do we bring them to God and allow God to reveal himself through them.

Many people think the opposite of faith is doubt but this is not true. The opposite of faith is hardness of heart and is a completely different thing. Hardness of heart is when we turn our backs on a person or God and cut ourselves off from them. When we close the door on a relationship and consider the relationship dead as we see Judas do following his betrayal of Jesus.

Most of us have likely tried this. We have been upset with someone and decide to cut ourselves off from them, we stop being a window of God's love to them. When we see them at home or in public, we refuse to acknowledge them.

When we do this it feels like we are literally dying but we continue because we feel we need to teach them a lesson. Eventually by the grace of God, we hopefully come to our senses and realize we need to swallow our pride and apologize. We are so blessed we have access to the healing grace of God that enables us to do so.

I continue to pray for my friend and his family and I hope he will eventually soften his heart towards them. I pray that somehow, he will hear Jesus' words, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." It gives us great hope that Jesus suffered to the greatest extent possible the collective rejection of humanity yet never hardened his heart towards us. Let us always pray for hearts like Jesus'. Amen.
John Humphries.

May 7, 2023

ST. LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
Saturday, May 27, 2023
6:30 pm



Come one!! Come All!!
Join us for an evening of international fun, food & dance! Tickets will be on sale the weekends of May 13/14 & May 20/21st and are:
\$10.00 for adults & \$5.00 for

each child **plus** a dish from your country.
Please contact Shaila D'Souza shailaflavy@gmail.com for more information regarding entertainment & food.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP 2023

DAY CAMP (for Grades 1-6)

Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM July 24-28

EVENING PROGRAM (for Grades 7-12)

Sunday to Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM July 23-27

Register at: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym> or contact Alan Lee Hoy at ahoy@archtoronto.org or visit the Parish Website. More information about the program is also available at www.totustuutoronto.ca.

EDGE CAMP NORTH 2023

A five-day Catholic adventure camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship!

WHO – Students currently in grade 6-8 who attend EDGE

WHEN – August 27-31, 2023

WHERE – Camp Whilte Pine, Haliburton, ON

COST - \$525 between May 1-31 (last day to register).

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: See our website for the Parent Information Sheet. stlukesth@archtoronto.org

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/xAnw1XPkLLY>

REGISTER: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>

QUESTIONS: ALAN Lee Hoy – ahoy@archtoronto.org

Pray & Play Night

Join St. Luke's Ministry every Thursday evening until the end of June from 6-8pm for **Family Pray & Play Night**.

All are welcome!

Any questions? Contact Alan at ahoy@archtoronto.org or Krishna at kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org



St. Luke's Circle of Friends, a program for seniors, will be gathering in the parish hall on Thursday, May 11th from 10:30 until noon. Newcomers are always welcome!

CELEBRATE MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!



OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO CONCERT
SATURDAY MAY 20, 7:00 PM

Tickets are now available. Please see details on praisingalways.webs.com/oleg-s-concert or by contacting Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 or greg.benoit@rogers.com



BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot next weekend to collect **household linens, gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, draperies, small**

household goods and new toys in order to support those in need. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need.

Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

Note: We do not accept books, videos, furniture, dishes, appliances or building materials Thank you.

SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00

Raised to date - \$59,789.00

Living the gospel through ShareLife

Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife Agency in his or her moment of need.

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