

# 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

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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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**The Ascension** celebrated a significant turning point in Jesus' relationship with us. He is returning to the Father so that he can be present to the church in a more accessible manner. While on earth, his ministry was limited to Israel. After the Ascension, Christ in his glorified state has a power whose outreach is universal. The good news is that he is present in the church through the Spirit - the Lord - the giver of life. What appeared as a departure was only a means to a more intimate and lengthy universal stay with us. It is the assurance that the church will always enjoy the living presence of Jesus. At moments when we feel hopeless and abandoned, the words "I am with you always; yes to the end of time," give us the consolation that Christ is still with us, watching over us, caring for us and hoping that we do not wander out of his sight.

This feast calls us to deepen our faith in the many ways that Jesus is present amongst us. He speaks to us as we listen attentively to the reading of the scriptures. He is alive in our hearts when we do our best through acts of charity – making his gospel real in our lives.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Stephen Y. L. Chua</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Virginia Gorizzan</b> Soul of <b>Joseph Kmet</b> Intentions of <b>Jessica Lee</b> Soul of <b>Marika Schmoll</b> Intentions of <b>Kieran Penrose</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Genevieve Lilibeth Tomasone</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Alphonsus D'Souza</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Gisela Anzola</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, 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, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke, Leslie Albert and Edna Mae Sheker

**Now What?**

*"Why are you standing there?"*

If you're reading this then it means you woke up this morning. If you woke up this morning, it means God has a mission for you today. It may be huge; it may be small. It may be frightening; it may be fun. It may challenge you to persevere or it may push you to trust more deeply than ever before, but make no mistake, God has a mission for you that only you can fulfill. Do you want in?

Plenty of daily missions go unfulfilled. Many followers of Jesus are standing around, heads in the clouds (much like the apostles at the end of the first reading), wondering what to do next. The apostles had an excuse as they had not yet received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (that happens next week). You've been baptized, though. You've most likely been confirmed. You're not lacking in the Holy Spirit. So, what's your excuse? Are you out proclaiming Christ to the nations? Do others see your bold witness and seek the sacraments that bring you such confidence and joy? Have "the eyes of your hearts (been) enlightened" as St. Paul put it to the Ephesians in the second reading?

Either Christ rose or He didn't. Either Jesus ascended or He didn't. These are amazing truths that call us to an amazing response. All God needs is your permission to make you a saint. A great adventure awaits you today and your "yes" is all God needs. So will you accept the mission and get to work or stand around staring at the sky?

**Reflect:**

Do the people in your life easily realize you as Catholic? Why or why not?

In what ways are you following your baptismal call to "make disciples of all nations"?

What holds you back from spreading God's word?

Are you well equipped to spread God's message? Do you pray? Do you read the Bible? Do you know lives of the saints?

How can you better equip yourself for this mission you are on?

**Challenge of the Week:**

Talk to someone about God this week. It can be your mom, a friend, or some random person that you meet at a coffee shop. Be bold. You do not have to get in a large debate about Him, but casually talk about Him with someone. See their point of view, ask them questions, and share your belief. This does not have to be a long conversation, but it is practice for your mission!

-Alan Lee Hoy

May 21, 2023

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

Tickets are still available. Please see details on [praisingalways.webs.com/oleg-s-concert](https://praisingalways.webs.com/oleg-s-concert) or by contacting Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 or [greg.benoit@rogers.com](mailto:greg.benoit@rogers.com)

## 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 again this weekend 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](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com) for more information regarding entertainment & food.

## SL ShareLife

*Helping the whole community  
through Catholic agencies*

**Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00**

**Raised to date - \$63,024.00**

### ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of deaf adults, youth children, infants, and their families in America Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for living the Gospel!

### 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](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org) or Krishna at [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org)

## CELEBRATE MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!



The **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be holding their final meeting for the season on **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the meeting room upstairs at the parish.

The meeting will include an appetizer potluck so bring your favourite appetizer to share. New members are always welcome! Meetings will resume in the fall.



Happy Victoria Day Weekend! The parish office will be closed on Monday. Mass will begin at 9:00am.

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