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.

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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

Trinity Sunday celebrates the unbounded mystery of God who as Creator, Saviour and Sanctifier is a centre of love, which overflows and touches the whole of creation. The three persons in the Trinity are so enveloped in each other that they are perfectly one. Love begins in the Father who created us and cares so deeply about us that he sent his only Son into the world as a companion who died for our sakes and is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. Their closeness is a model for the relationships we must have as Christians for we are enveloped in that love and challenged to give it expression in our community. This means relating to each other in love, unity and harmony. Whenever we show love through our actions to our family or neighbours, it is just a small reflection of the love that the Holy Trinity has for us. As we go about our everyday activities, we sense something of that mystery of love working for us, affecting the core of our lives and strengthening us in our weakness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of **Francis Navaratnam**
Tuesday	Soul of **Carmen Butcher**
	Intentions of **Jessie Schmoll**
	Soul of **Edward Somers**
	Soul of **George Hung**
	Intentions of **Michelle Halvorson**
	Souls of **Rosa & Hubert Henkel**
Wednesday	Soul of **Duane Soares**
Thursday	Intentions of **Matthew D'Souza**
Friday	Soul of **Stephen Y. L. Chua**

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, Leslie Albert and Edna Mae Sheker

The Most Holy Trinity

Let me begin by quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Most Holy Trinity:

"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity *is the central mystery of Christian faith and life*. It is *the mystery of God in Himself*. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of the faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in 'the hierarchy of the truths of faith'." (CCC 234)

Much can be said on this very small paragraph, and never should we think that this mystery would be explicable and understandable with enough knowledge, but we can reflect on parts without understanding the whole, and here I do something smaller than that. Is it not odd that the Catechism suggests that the *mystery* of the Holy Trinity is the most fundamental *truth* of the faith? How can we claim something is true when it is a mystery to us? A quick word on 'mystery': a mystery is not that which contradicts reason, rather it is that which does not present itself to the intellect so as to be immediately grasped. Thus, the Most Holy Trinity is the most central mystery of our faith and life because it is not something the intellect can grasp by its own powers. Indeed, nothing one does, learns, studies, or perceives can possibly reveal this profound mystery. Nothing can do this except God's grace alone.

When we reflect on John's words from last week's reflection, we learn how the Holy Spirit fulfills man's capability to apprehend truth perfectly as exemplified in Jesus, which is available to every human. This is why St. Aquinas says the highest intellectual virtue is wisdom. One need not be a genius to apprehend truth, but one certainly does need wisdom. The Most Holy Trinity is the greatest and most fundamental mystery precisely because it is the totality of Truth itself – it is the greatest being of all, in whom all beings inhere, with singularity and precision in Truth. It is the greatest mystery, yet the greatest Truth. Mysterious indeed! We reflect now on the Holy Trinity as a mystery that can only be apprehended through God's gift of wisdom, and not just any wisdom, but His very own wisdom. When God gives us the entirety of Himself, He does not just allow us to share in His Body, but also in His Intellect. Nothing can be clearer from what He offers to us through the Most Holy Trinity. The vehicle of such wisdom is, to no surprise, the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, and received through our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist(read John chapters 14-17).

How beautiful our faith truly is! Glory be to God in the highest!

Krishna Shanthakumar, Youth Minister

ShareLife

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Thank you for living the Gospel!

Pray & Play Night

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

Any questions? Contact Krishna at: kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org

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.totustuustoronto.ca.

The CWL & Knights of Columbus are hosting
"TREATS FOR DAD" - June 17-18 weekend
Treat bags for Dad will be available for $5.00 each
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THE PARISH PICNIC IS RETURNING ON SUNDAY, JULY 9TH AT HUNTINGTON PARK. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.

SVDP - MARYGROVE SUMMER CAMP

June 10 and 11, 2023

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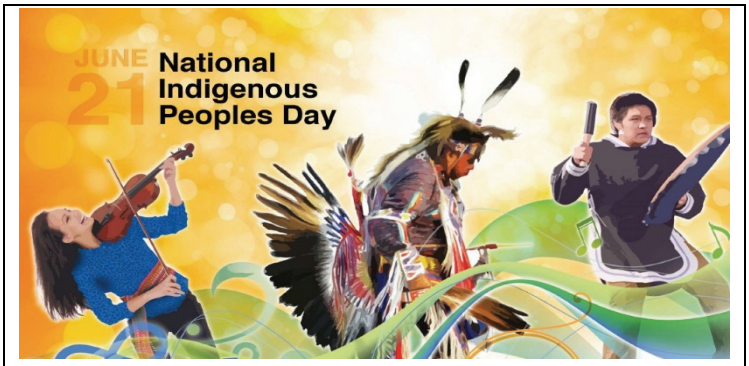

National Indigenous People Day

His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass at the Native Peoples' Mission in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage of First nation Inuit & Métis people.

Date: Wednesday, June 21st, 2023
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Native Peoples' Mission,
St. Ann's Church, 120 First Avenue, Toronto, ON
A reception will be held in the parish hall following the mass. All are welcome!

Thank you to all who attended our 2023 International Night! We know you all had a great time! We also want to thank everyone who stepped up to assist with the set up & clean up. You all understand the meaning of serving others as true Disciples of Christ!

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