

# 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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**Reflecting Back to See Ahead**

The twelve men Jesus chose as disciples were just ordinary people. They came from ordinary walks of life – a number of them were fisherman with no special qualifications. Far from being perfect, they possessed the same human faults and failing we find in ourselves. Peter blew hot & cold, James & John were hot tempered, Matthew was a member of a hated class – tax collectors and of course, there was Judas who proved not only a failure but also a traitor by the choices he made. Anyway, Jesus saw the good in each one of them, even Judas. It shows one does not have to be perfect or possess all the talents in order to be called by Christ.

To be chosen is a privilege and an honour and with it comes responsibility. The Israelites were chosen to be a light to the nations, the apostles were chosen to help Christ with the harvest and by virtue of our baptism, we are the distant descendants of those early followers of Christ. The essential character of our mission is the same. The work of the church is now in our hands. God wants all the earth to experience his love and only with our co-operation can he continue his work. We are invited to be his witness in the world, to promote his ideals and to reflect his concern for the poor & the needy.

Recently I was on retreat at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering. It was a wonderful three days full of peace and joy. Father John Sullivan from St. John’s Newfoundland led the retreat and shared with us some of the difficulties his diocese is experiencing and how his former parish was amalgamated with two others. Prior to the amalgamation, his parishioners were having a hard time accepting the loss of their parish and there was a mix of fear and desolation. The primary message he tried to convey to them was that no matter how dire the situation may appear there is no need to fear for God’s nature is to give Life and will always do so. As it turns out the transition has gone extremely well and the parish is thriving.

In our own lives, this can often be the case where we see turmoil in our families and in the world and we wonder: ‘Where is God?’ It does not take much reflection to see that God is in the midst of it all. One exercise that the Jesuits recommend to become aware of God’s constant presence is the Examen. Through the Examen a person reviews the past 24 hours to see where God has been working. It always amazes me when I pray the Examen to see just how active God has been in my day in so many small and significant ways. It is literally an embarrassment of riches.

The more we become aware of the presence of God, the more we trust the Kingdom is near. It also helps us to recognize the times when we have been afraid and ask God for healing and courage in future situations.

As we see in our Gospel this weekend we are called to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons proclaiming the good news that the Kingdom has come near. Two thousand years later a similar need still exists for faith and healing in our world. What a wonderful invitation, being called to do the work of Christ! How must God love us that he entrusts his mission and the work of his Son with us? It is enough to make our hearts sing with joy and gratitude.

So let us share the Good News with all we encounter: ‘Jesus is alive and has appeared to Simon’. Let us make our hearts, our homes, our workplaces and our churches Tabernacles of eternal love where people encounter the Peace the world cannot give. In addition, let us not forget to Examen the previous day to see God’s presence to fuel the day ahead anticipating with excitement where we will encounter God in the people, places and serendipity of the day and remember that Jesus is with us always, to the end of the age.

John Humphries.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Meyrick D’Souza</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Nicole Figuera</b> Soul of <b>Sylvia Pedro</b> Soul of <b>Christopher Figuera</b> Soul of <b>Debra Alsuran</b> Soul of <b>Virginia Gorizzan</b> Soul of <b>Patsy D’Souza</b>
Wednesday	Souls of <b>Amelia &amp; Roque Pinto</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Simon Cheung</b>
Friday	Intentions of <b>Marc D’Souza</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 Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke, Leslie Albert, Edna Mae Sheker, Josephine Yuen and Agnes Lyon

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## KoC – St. Luke’s Council 4393

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Social Dance on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. There will be a variety of ballroom and Latin dance music and line dancing performances. All are welcome. Sign up in the narthex or see Luis Santalla for more information.



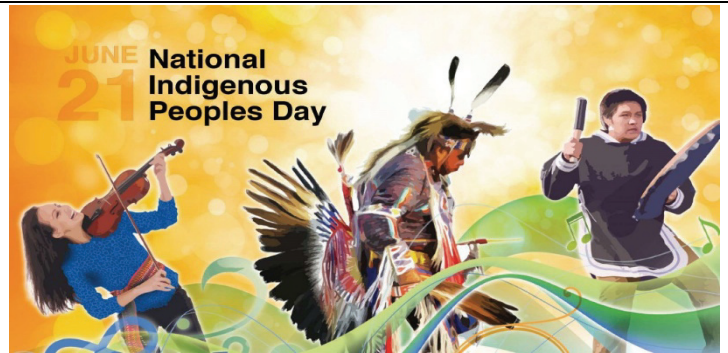
The CWL & Knights of Columbus are hosting “TREATS FOR DAD” - June 17-18 weekend  
Treat bags for Dad will be available for \$5.00 each  
\*\* All proceeds will support 2023 Social Justice Programs



## St. Luke's Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 2-6 pm  
at Huntington Park  
(just off Green Lane at Huntington Road)

Bring your own (hopefully full) picnic basket and some lawn chairs. Enjoy barbecued hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks followed by races & tug of war. If you have water pistols and water canons, bring them along and we'll see what happens! There will be a baseball game, a soccer game, and maybe some Ultimate Frisbee and a musical jam session! **Bring your family & friends.**  
Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or contact Shaila at: 905-707-9248 or [shailaflavy@gmail.com](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com) so we know how many people to prepare for. We always welcome anyone who can volunteer at the event including students!



## National Indigenous Peoples 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!

## CWL – National Indigenous Peoples Day

*Being an Effective Ally: First Steps*



Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
**via ZOOM**

All are invited – Bring a friend!  
To register: contact Shaila D'Souza:  
[shailaflavy@gmail.com](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com)  
Registration closes Monday, June 19. We regret we cannot accept late registrations.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

**School begins September 5, 2023**

The York Catholic District School Board invites you to register your child for the School year commencing September 2023 during the months of July and August.

**How:** On line by visiting [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)

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