

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

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>

What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the light, and what is
whispered in your ear,
proclaim from the housetops.
Matthew 10:27



The mission that was entrusted to the church at its very beginning is the same task as is assigned to Christians today. Apostles and disciples are people who have the truth of Christ written in their hearts and are able to make known the good news because God gives them that through the Holy Spirit. The most effective way of proclaiming this good news is to live unashamedly by the values of Jesus Christ. The message that is clearly heard today is not to be afraid to be witnesses of the good news. Jesus is asking us to throw in our lot with him with the promise that he will see us through. Whether our fears are great or small with God's help we can find the courage to face them with calmness, firmness and determination. God does not ask us to come to him perfect. He works with us – fears and all – like clay in the hands of the potter. We are not to fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father, who cares for us today will care for us tomorrow and every day. He will shield us from suffering or give us the unfailing strength to bear it.

FORTITUDE OVER FEAR

Today we read Jesus' words highlighting a particular human condition: fear. The corollary virtue (virtue is defined simply as 'good habit') of this condition is fortitude (i.e. courage), and the corollary vice (vice is defined simply as 'bad habit') is cowardice. Bodily death, we are told, is far better than rejecting God and totally separating oneself from His eternal love and presence (i.e. hell). Notice that Jesus is not telling us to not have fear of death, period. For that is not what the virtue of courage is. Courage is the ability to do the right thing regardless of your desire or inclination not to. Rather, Jesus is telling us to fear death of both the body *and* the soul. We are not taught that we should have no fear, but that we should learn to fear that which we *ought* to fear (e.g. see Proverbs 9:10). It is not *that* we fear, but *what* we fear, that determines whether our actions are in fact virtuous or not. Remember that virtue, in this case, is concerned not with our desires, but how we *act* upon them. Cowardice is not having fear of something we shouldn't fear, but it is *acting upon that desire*. When one fears bodily death over and above eternal separation from God and acts accordingly, we are *choosing* to put ourselves before God. We may not be able to control the fears we have (or even our desires generally speaking), but we certainly can choose what we do. Jesus tells us to choose Himself, not only because it is the right thing to do, but more importantly because it is for our very own good, our salvation. And by choosing Him we are protected and watched over, which does not necessarily prevent us from suffering and death in this world, but it absolutely does prevent eternal death (i.e. hell). Let us learn from today's Gospel reading to cultivate the virtue of fortitude to not only do the Lord's will, but intentionally *choose* Him in each moment of each day. God bless. *Krishna Shantakumar*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Meyrick D'Souza
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Souls of Elmer Peñoso & Esteban Alde Soul of Anthony D'Souza Soul of Maja Vander Zalm Souls of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall
Wednesday	Intentions of Andrew Howard
Thursday	Soul of Andrew Jerome Yeung
Friday	Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee

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, Edna Mae Sheker, Josephine Yuen and Agnes Lyon

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June 25, 2023



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 so we know how many people to prepare for. We always welcome anyone who can volunteer at the event including students!



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday,
August 16, 2023 at
7:00 pm

The Archdiocese of Toronto Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services invite all families in our region to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed at Holy Cross Cemetery where the celebrant will be Most Rev. John Boissonneau. In the event of rain, this Annual Mass will be held at Holy Cross Mausoleum. Please see the bulletin board for other locations & the celebrants.

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

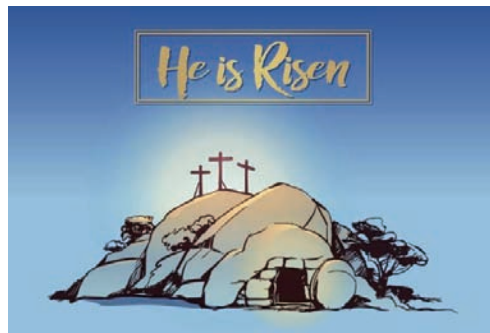
For detailed information regarding admissions criteria and documents required for registration, please call: 905 713-1211 or 1-800-363-2711 & press 2 for the Admissions Office



Congratulations to all the students who are graduating this year. We wish you well in your future endeavors and may God continue to bless you.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2023 & supports the bulletin service. **Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.** Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



**Knights of Columbus
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2023
Children's
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Drawing
Contest**

The Knights of Columbus wish to announce the winners of the 2023 Children's Easter Drawing Contest.

Grade 1 to 3: Angelica Law
Grade 4 to 6: Hailey Chow
Grade 7 to 8: Daphne Mungcal

Please see the bulletin board or our website to view all of the amazing entries that were submitted.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Welcome Summer 2023

As the warm weather descends upon us, may you be blessed with time to renew your spirits and reflect on God's many gifts. We wish you all a safe, fun-filled, healthy summer.





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