

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

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"/>



Prophets and Losses

"Whoever receives you receives me."

How far are you willing to go for God? What limits have you put on following Him? Perhaps you will go wherever He calls you to go like becoming a missionary in a foreign land or entering the seminary/convent. Maybe you've drawn a line in the sand with God by telling Him you'll do "this and this" but NOT this (like many do with priesthood/religious life). Maybe you'll follow God as long as it doesn't mean you have to be too uncomfortable. Perhaps a life in ministry would be more appealing if there was more profit in it.

This week's readings remind us that God is more concerned with heaven than Earth, with eternity than the temporary, and with prophets over profits.

Jesus is clear in the Gospel: don't let anything come between you and Him. Love God above anything, and everything will work out. Will it be comfortable? No, there will be crosses (and losses) involved, but you will be happy, and you will be saved. Saint Paul tells us in the second reading that our Baptism doesn't buy us earthly riches but, rather, opens the door to heavenly glory. If you are with God, you'll be taken care of as we saw with His prophet Elisha in the first reading. Not only that, countless people will be blessed by your holy example. The prophets didn't seek a title, nor did they set out for glory; they were merely obedient (unto death) and because of their obedience, they are still revered and God's words (through them) are still read today. God invests in us and sees prophets in the long run.

Reflect:

What part of your life has God been calling you to surrender to Him? Why are you hesitant?

Challenge of the Week:

If you say you don't have time for prayer, make time. Every day this week, wake up an hour earlier and start your day right. Take a shower, eat a nice breakfast, tidy up your room, and spend 15 or 30 minutes in prayer. I'm confident Christ will reward your effort!

-Alan Lee Hoy

Baptism should stamp into the lives of Christians a pattern of generous behavior, which means that there ought to be no stranger or outcast in our midst. Everyone should feel welcome in our company. Christ calls us to reach out to all strangers with welcoming hearts. In caring for others, we allow the love of God to move through us. A random act of kindness blesses both the giver and receiver resulting in feelings of inner joy and fulfilment. Giving of our time in a kind and friendly way helps us to come to grips with inner selfishness and crack open the hard shell of our own indifference, which tells us to remain aloof, to pass people by and not to get involved. The kind of welcome we extend to others is the surest measure of the quality of our Christian life and of what our faith means to us.

Every Sunday Jesus welcomes us as his guests and invites us to break bread and share his life with us. He offers the gift we need most – the gift of hospitality. What better gift can we leave to those coming after us than the breaking of bread and Christ's instruction to "do this in memory of me"? It is a glimpse of the hospitality that awaits us when we arrive in our heavenly home.

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

Summer Office Hours

During the months of July & August, the office will be close at 3:30 pm.

Please note this is the final bulletin until the weekend of September 9/10. Have a great summer everyone!

July 2, 2023

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Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00

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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 welcome volunteers including students. **Please bring your own seats or picnic blankets as there are no picnic tables available.**

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

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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.



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.



During the summer, please join us **Friday** July 7, August 4 & September 1 at 9:30 am for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturday Devotions will be held July 1, August 5 & September 2 at 8:30 am.
Come spend an hour with Jesus & Mother Mary

Special Collection – MISSION CO-OP July 8 & 9

This year we welcome Fr. Tulio Ramirez, mxy, to the parish who is a member of the Yarumal Missionaries.

Fr. Tulio, a native of Columbia, has been stationed in The Bronx, New York for many years.

For more information on the Yarumal Missionaries, please see the information table. Special Collection envelopes are in the pew pockets for your convenience. Your donation enables the missionaries to carry out their pastoral programs and social projects to people and cultures when the Gospel is not yet fully preached.

Please give what you can. Thank you.



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