

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

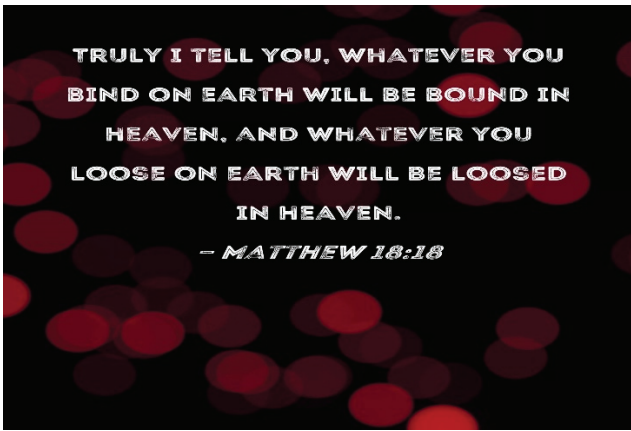
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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As we listen to the words of Jesus in this challenging gospel about settling our differences, our minds may wander to relationships that have gone wrong in our own group of acquaintances. Maybe we are feeling the hurt and pain of a close friendship ruined due to angry words or a betrayal. While we are nursing our grievances, we forget what made us friends in the first place.

This gospel about conflict resolution is stressing the importance of compromise, of learning to give a little. A little honest talking about how we feel wronged often clears the air before too much damage is done. Prayer can help change us, bringing about reconciliation by making us more aware and sensitive to the need of others. In troubled times, when we pray for peace with others, we raise our consciousness to our Christian calling as peacemakers in our parishes, our homes and in our personal relationships.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Duane Soares
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Catherine Lee Sing Soul of Serena BangRan Kim Soul of Mary Grace Leone
Wednesday	Intentions of Angelica Dianne D'Souza
Thursday	Intentions of Xavier Chen
Friday	Intentions of Gino DeLuca

Please pray for the sick in our community.
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Binding and Loosing

In our Gospel reading this weekend Jesus imparts profound wisdom on the importance of fraternal correction and the power of unity within the Christian community. This passage provides valuable guidance for Catholics and all Christians alike, emphasizing the need for reconciliation, communal prayer, and the presence of Christ in our midst.

In the opening of this passage, Jesus addresses the delicate matter of fraternal correction. He instructs his disciples that when a fellow believer sins against them, they should go and speak to that person privately. This is contrary to our natural human instinct to scapegoat the person who has wronged us and seek to undermine them within the community. This guidance demonstrates Christ's concern for the individual and his emphasis on resolving conflicts with humility and love. It is only through our openness to the grace of God that we see our brothers and sisters as companions rather than adversaries on the journey.

As in our Gospel two weeks ago we witness Jesus' entrusting the disciples with the authority to "bind and loose" once again in this week's Gospel. In the Catholic tradition, this verse is associated with the authority given to the Church, particularly to the apostles and their successors, the bishops. This authority includes the power to forgive sins through the sacrament of reconciliation and to make binding decisions in matters of faith and morals. It is important to note that it is not only the work of bishops and priests to bind and loose. In our own lives as the Body of Christ we too are called to bind and loose in regard to our neighbours and ourselves.

One response I find particularly helpful when I sense negative and binding thoughts enter my consciousness is the Hail Mary. I visualizing my prayer breaking the captive fetters that are attempting to bind me and it is amazing how effective this simple prayer can be. The Glory Be or verbal dialogue with God I also find effective. Likewise, when praying for a loved one, a friend or for a special need I find it helpful to visualize my prayers unbinding and bringing peace and reconciliation to the person or the situation.

In a world marked by division and discord, the message of unity and reconciliation in this passage is especially relevant. As we strive to live out these teachings, we not only strengthen our own faith but also become beacons of hope and reconciliation to a fractured world. Through our commitment to fraternal correction, communal prayer, and the authority of the Church, we can draw closer to Christ's promise of being present among us and working through us to build a more loving and unified community of faith.

John Humphries.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

JOIN US FOR A 1-DAY WORKSHOP

If you're a part of a St. Luke's Parish Ministry you're invited to join us for a 1-day workshop. Let's come together as one St. Luke's Parish Ministry Family for a day filled with:

- a TALK featuring Alexandra Lee Hoy;
- TESTIMONIES;
- FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP; and
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS.

DATE: Sat Sept 23

TIME: 9 AM to 2 PM

LOCATION: Parish Hall

REGISTER: Parish Website

QUESTIONS? email Alan at ahoy@archtoronto.org

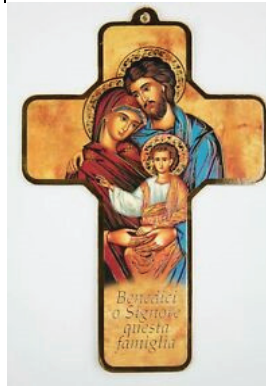


CWL – MEMBERS MEETING

There will be a members meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, Sept 13th beginning at 7:00pm.

New members are always welcome.

HOLYLAND RELIGIOUS ITEMS



The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus – is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been difficult ones for the community with some Christians having to flee the Holy Land.

Next weekend, Jenny from Holy

Land Wood Art will be in the parish hall offering a variety of religious items for sale. Join us before & after mass to view a selection of rosaries, bracelets, carved figurines & many gift ideas.

Every purchase helps strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SEPT 23/25 & SEPT 30/OCT 1

WEEKENDS

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate. This year we are collecting **actual food items**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Your donations enable the Georgina Food Bank to assist the hungry in their community. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Georgina Community Food Pantry**.

Thank you for your support of this important program.



St. Vincent DePaul BUNDLE SUNDAY Weekend of Sept 30 – Oct 1st

The trailer will be located in the NW corner of our parking lot and will be open from 8:00am until 6pm on Saturday and from 8:00am until 2pm on Sunday.

Thank you for your donations and for assisting those most in need.



The **KNITTING GROUP** at St. Luke's Parish are looking for wool. If you have any un-finished projects or extra wool to donate, please contact Helen at: 905-770-7823



The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring Latino dance classes **Tuesday evenings in September** in the parish hall beginning at 8:00pm. You will learn the basic steps of Salsa, Bachata and Cumbia & practice basic routines. Please register by sending an email to: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

SOCIAL DANCE EVENT

There will be another Social Dance event, organized by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 7:30pm. The evening will include a variety of Latino & Ballroom dance music as well as line-dancing performances.

Please reserve a spot on the flip chart in the narthex or email Luis Santalla at: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

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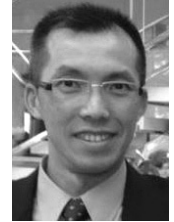
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