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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Our picture of God is influenced to some extent by our ordinary way of looking at things and that is why, as we listen to today's gospel, we are tempted to react and share the grumble of the workers who have laboured since early morning. In human terms, it seems a bit unfair that after slaving all day in the hot sun they got the same pay for their efforts as those who were taken in at the end of the day. If we get too upset about the injustice of the situation, we miss the point of the story. The parable is not about dealing with equal rights for all, or an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. It is to show the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to Gentiles and sinners on an equal footing with Jews. The gospel fills us with an image of a generous, gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends both to those who have laboured all their lives in his service and to those who have broken faith but turn to him in their dying hour.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mass of Thanksgiving – **John & Theresa Lee & family**
Tuesday	Soul of **Robert Sutikno** Soul of **Stephen Schmoll** Souls of **Eugene & Julian Peñoso Jr.** Souls of **Esteban Alde & Eden Llantero** Soul of **Eufemia Azuala**
Wednesday	Intentions of **Alfred Chui**
Thursday	Soul of **Vincenza Modica Amore**
Friday	Soul of **Stephen Y. L. Chua**

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Tom Sheehan** and **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee**

"Seek the Lord."

The Christian life is often a battle for perspective. Jesus often challenges us to see things not from an earthly perspective but a heavenly one. The word perspective is interesting in that its definition is also an invitation. From the Latin, the word "*per*", meaning "*through*," and the word "*specere*", meaning "*to look*," join to form "*perspicere*", inviting us to "*look through*" a situation to gain proper perspective.

We are told this week that "the last will be first, and the first last." Our Lord enjoys a good turn of phrase to make His point to the listeners. It's illogical, though, at first hearing, isn't it? Are the last ever really first on Earth? Don't we cheer for the gold medalist and forget the person in last place? Yes, we do … on this side of heaven, at least.

God, Himself, is standing in our midst reminding us that heavenly glory and earthly glory are far different. We should not desire personal attention or accolades but, rather, salvation for all (as we see in the Gospel). We should view the little "deaths" and sacrifices in our lives as joys that will help us truly, finally live as St. Paul points out in his letter to the Romans. How often we get hung up on earthly things that don't really matter; heaven is what matters! It is only when we really seek the Lord in prayer and ask His thoughts to become our thoughts that we can take on a divine perspective, seeing through earthly mishaps and problems and allowing the peace of heaven to breathe into and keep calm our earthly hearts and minds.

Reflect:

Is there an area of your life where you feel the Lord is asking you to trust that He knows how hard you're working, even though you don't feel as though you're getting the recognition you deserve? If so, what area is that?

Challenge of the Week:

Is there someone you often compare yourself to? Perhaps you wonder why they get more praise and recognition. Whoever that person is, commit to praying for them and their salvation every day this week.

-Alan Lee Hoy

SL ShareLife

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Our 2023 parish goal - $149,000.00

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

CWL
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Sept 30-Oct 1st weekend

You are welcome to stop by & check out a wide variety of new & gently used items.
Please drop off your items in the parish hall after all masses on Sept 23/24th . Please **NO** clothes, shoes, dvd's, cd's or damaged items. All proceeds will support CWL initiatives.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SEPT 23/25 & SEPT 30/OCT 1 WEEKENDS

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate. This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations of 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.

CONFIRMATION 2024

- See the Parish Website for details
- Registration NOW OPEN: https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym (under the heading "CONFIRMATION 2024")
- Book 20-minute Readiness Interview for either **Oct 14 or 16**: https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym (under the heading "CONFIRMATION 2024").
- Parent Information Night: Monday, **October 23** from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- Sessions: Mondays from 6-8 pm starting **Nov 6**, 2023 (click here for other KEY DATES)
- Questions? ahoy@archtoronto.org

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

Bundle Up Weekend
September 30/October 1st

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the NW corner of the church parking lot to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please … no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** The container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers to assist with loading the trailers before and after each mass are always welcome. **THANK YOU!**

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2-3 p.m.

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year in the parking lot at the South East corner of Yonge and Steeles Ave. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," "Life, the first inalienable right," and "Adoption, the loving option." You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain. You can also contact Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 and greg.benoit@rogers.com

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – Sept 30th

Special Collection – Sept 30 & Oct 1st
Specially marked envelopes are in the pew pockets.

There will be a special mass on October 1, 2023 at 12:30 pm at St. Ann's Parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission.

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