

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 Mass & 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"/>



Today's gospel is a story for all ages. No matter who we are, all of us are guilty of leaving a trail of broken promises in our wake. What is more, promises can never replace performance and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds. The good news is that God makes allowances for our weakness and is ever willing to welcome us back after we have failed him. All of us are still journeying towards conversion and while it is the key to the Christian life, for most people conversion is not a dramatic event. It is more a daily turning away from ourselves as the centre of our lives and a turning to God and our neighbor in the midst of everyday happenings. For each one of us, our conversion will be unique but we can be certain that when we put the past behind us and turn back to God with all our heart, that it will bring us lasting joy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Colin Chak Pui Fok
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of George Hung Soul of Sheila Durkin Soul of Catherine Lee Sing Soul of Jeremiah Mhlanga
Wednesday	Intentions of Bernard & Regina D'Souza
Thursday	Soul of Vincenza Modica Amore
Friday	Soul of Romulo Tibor

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**

SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00

Raised to date - \$102,708.05

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Leaping into the Vineyard

In the Gospel this weekend we encounter the vineyard owner and his two sons. He asks them to work in the vineyard and both respond differently. In our own lives, we often find ourselves in the same shoes as the two sons. God asks us to do something, and it is up to us to accept or reject God's invitation.

Like any relationship, we have to extend ourselves to grow and our relationship with God is no different. As CS Lewis so aptly puts: 'God is easy to please but hard to satisfy'. God will only be satisfied when our relationship resembles his relationship with the Son so we can anticipate lifelong growth. Thankfully God is with us every step of the way as we leap in the light not in the dark.

Our faith is a love story and the key is being able to recognize the beloved's gestures. God acts and we react, calling us to grow in the direction which often appears painful so it is natural for us reject the invitation. Through experience and reflection we can come to recognize these invitations not as harbingers of suffering but as opportunities for growth and redemption.

I recently received such an invitation through the Alpha program in our parish. When I heard we were running the program for the first time in person a part of me wanted to attend but part of me was reluctant. Thoughts that crossed my mind were: Do I have time? Will this program teach me anything valuable? Will I be comfortable sharing personal experiences and feelings with people I may not know?

In my discernment, I reflected on my experience of similar programs in the past and how much they have helped me. I also could see the hand of God at work in our parish with Alpha an integral part, so I took a leap and registered.

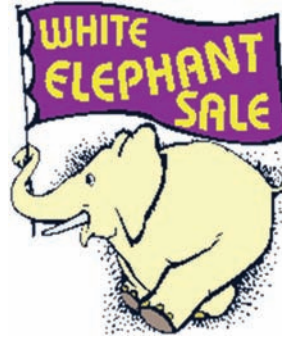
Ignatius of Loyola said that: 'God will not be outdone in generosity' and Alpha has been no exception. What I have received in just two Alpha meetings thus far has far exceeded my expectations for the entire 12-week program. What surprises me most is the audacity of God's presence at our gatherings with the veil between seen and unseen things being strikingly thin. I am so excited to see what God plans to reveal in the remaining weeks of the program.

As a community of faith, let us keep our eyes, ears and hearts open. All things are possible with God and relationship hurdles we believe to be insurmountable can be overcome with God's grace. All God asks is a chance, an opportunity to demonstrate just how much he loves us and how joyful the journey can be. The best vitamin for a Christian is B1 so let's pray for the grace to be Bread for our brothers and sisters as we leap together into the vineyard.

John Humphries.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE
Will be visiting St. Luke's beginning October 3rd for 3 weeks. On Tuesday October 3rd, we will have Welcome prayers and Rosary for Priests recited before the 7:00 pm mass. All are welcome.



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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
SEPT 30/OCT 1 WEEKEND

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 continued support of this important program.



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!**

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION 2023/24

Any families with children who will be entering Grade 2 or higher in September 2023 who are interested in having their child celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are to contact John Humphries at john.humphries@rogers.com by October 8th. John will contact you with program details.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – Sept 30th

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

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