

St. Luke's Parish

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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*



It would be a mistake to listen to today’s gospel and think that it has no relevance for us in this time period and not applicable to our lives. This story is about the dealings of God with his people in every age and has a message for us today. God is the landowner and the world we dwell in is his vineyard. For a few brief years, we are tenants and have a lease over our lives, which is not our own property. The readings make it clear that, as tenants in the Lord’s vineyard there are demands placed on us. We are expected to yield a harvest of kind thoughts and good deeds. In order to become the very best people that we can be, we are challenged to give our minds and our hearts to spreading love, showing mercy, promoting justice and displaying forgiveness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul Edita Palma Papa
Tuesday	Intentions of Marlene Howard Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Catherine Lee Sing Soul of George Pinto Soul of Rev. Msgr. Joseph Chiang
Wednesday	Soul of Carlyle Domenic Walters
Thursday	Soul of Edita Palma Papa
Friday	Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin

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 - \$104,208.05

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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 until Tuesday October 24th. All are welcome to come spend some time with Mother Mary.

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

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.



The Knights of the Columbus – St.

Luke's Council 4393 would like to thank everyone who attended the Social Dance on September 23rd. One thousand dollars was raised which has been donated to the parish.

The next social Dance is being planned for early in the New Year. Watch the bulletin for details!

OLEG SAMOKHIN CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7:00 P.M.

Location: <https://beachunitedchurch.com/> 140 Wineva Avenue Toronto, ON M4E 2T4

This is a benefit concert to support Sunnybrook Hospital's Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program. Oleg's program will include the lovely works of Liszt, Debussy and Ravel. Tickets are free and you can reserve a seat at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/an-evening-with-concert-pianist-oleg-samokhin-tickets-717818523527> but all will be welcomed at the door as well.

A donation of about \$30 is encouraged.



The CWL & Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out to support their annual White Elephant Sale. They especially thank the many student volunteers from St. Robert CHS who did an amazing job dedicating their volunteer hours to this event. Your donations

helped raise \$1410.00, which will be used to support Social Justice Programs.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Join Catholics around the world for the Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14. We will meet in the parish hall at 11:00 & travel to three different locations for the 12:00 noon rally. There will be prayer & fellowship following the rally in the parish hall. All are welcome!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

wants to thank everyone who so generously donated food for the 2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected eight Food Basic buggies filled with non-perishable food items along with \$920.00 in financial aid. The Georgina Community Food Pantry is extremely grateful for your support.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is a program for seniors at St. Luke's Parish with a goal to affirm & support each other. You are welcome to join us on Thursday October 12 at 10:30 in the parish hall.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who helped fill their trailer for Bundle Sunday. Once again, the trailer left here filled with gently used items that will greatly assist our neighbours in need.

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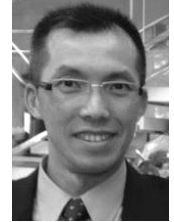
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