

# 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.....

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Children & Dates of Births: .....

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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



In today’s Gospel reading, Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying something that can be construed as treason against the Romans. Jesus answers by saying “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what is God’s.” The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar’s. However, the point Jesus is making is that each one of us is God’s because each of us bears stamped in our soul, the image of God.

It is an honour to be created in the image of God, however such honour carries responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul is bent by envy, hatred or narcissistic possessiveness, the image of God in that person is warped. When others look at the face of that person, they will see only a distortion of God’s image, and so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God?

The same line of Christ’s that leads to such grief also gives consolation. Just as Caesar’s money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ, God will make his image lovely in each one of us.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Meyrick D’Sylva</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Virgina &amp; Americo Gorizzan</b> Soul of <b>Stephen Schmall</b> Soul of <b>Magdalene D’Souza</b> Intentions of <b>Noli Reyes</b> Soul of <b>Dr. Anthony Ng</b>
Wednesday	Souls of <b>Lewis, Maria &amp; Francis Henriques</b>
Thursday	Intentions of <b>Moon Kim</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Eleanor Metivier</b>

***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**

**Naked Without Shame**

The shame associated with the crucifixion of Jesus is a heavy and poignant emotion that has left an indelible mark on human history. How people respond to this shame is a complex and multifaceted matter, with a range of individual and collective reactions.

For many believers, the shame of crucifying Jesus prompts deep introspection and personal remorse. It serves as a powerful reminder of human fallibility, prompting individuals to acknowledge their own moral shortcomings and seek redemption. This response often leads to profound changes in behavior, pushing people to act in ways that align with their faith's teachings, including compassion, forgiveness, and acts of kindness.

In Rembrandt’s Raising of the Cross, for example, the painter places himself in the middle of the scene assisting in the crucifixion reflecting the artist’s interpretation that we all play a part in Christ’s death just as we all are an integral part in his resurrection and renewed Body.

On a broader scale, the collective shame of Christ's crucifixion has driven movements and individuals to work for social justice and equity. The narrative of an innocent man suffering a gruesome death has acted as a rallying point for those seeking to address systemic injustices. In this way, the shame of crucifying Jesus can become a catalyst for societal transformation, inspiring efforts to create a more compassionate and just world.

The mutual acknowledgement of an inherent broken nature redeemed by Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection can lead to honest and compassionate approaches to relationships between people and God. The humble acceptance that we are creature not creator, beautifully made but fragile and weak can help us to welcome others and accept our own shortcomings.

However, it's essential to acknowledge that shame can sometimes be misappropriated, leading to unhealthy guilt or self-flagellation. In some cases, individuals may internalize this shame to an unhealthy extent, which can hinder their personal well-being and spiritual growth. Like all things our shame needs to be brought into the Light so the love of God can shine upon and redeem it.

How people respond to the shame of crucifying Jesus is a complex and multifaceted process. It can lead to personal introspection, inspire social justice efforts, or can be harmful. Ultimately, the crucifixion invites us to confront our collective shame and find a path to redemption, forgiveness, and love, demonstrating the profound capacity for transformation and renewal even in the face of profound shame.  
John Humphries.



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

Departure of Our Lady of Fatima  
visiting statue. Farewell prayers will  
be recited on October 24th at 6:15pm  
before the Rosary for Priests.  
All are welcome.

### 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](mailto:john.humphries@rogers.com) who will contact you with program details.

### Come & See Weekend

After Mass in the Parish Hall on Oct 28 and 29.

Explore all that our parish has to offer!

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Questions? [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org).

### CONFIRMATION 2024

- See the Parish Website for details
- Registration NOW OPEN:  
<https://linktr.ee/stlukesthy> (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](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org)



### WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

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acquire a wheelchair. Through this mobility comes freedom, dignity and hope. Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus – St Luke’s Council 4393 in the narthex to arrange a tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals**

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

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2. follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/oct28>

3. send an email to:

[Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write “webinar Oct 28” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Thursday evening November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

The names of those **who have died since last November** will be mentioned in a special way during the service and all names placed in the memorial basket at the altar will be prayed for at each mass during the month of November.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail their name to [stlukesth@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlukesth@archtoronto.org) by Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\* There is no change to our Thursday morning mass which will proceed as scheduled at 9:00 am.

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