

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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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



This week's gospel is a parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, which may sound puzzling to us. It may help us get a better grasp of its meaning if we regard oil as a symbol of repentance and good works, which keeps the lamp of our faith commitment burning brightly. The oil that runs out, causing the spark of faith within us to dim, points to our neglect of good works that in the course of our lifetime we should have performed and which we cannot borrow or make good at this very late hour. We cannot recapture the past or nor go back in time to accomplish something we never started. Jesus was using his popular story to convey a serious message about the end of time. He was stressing the vital importance of being ready and prepared to meet the Lord and not to take entry into his kingdom for granted.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Bernard McCabe
Tuesday	Soul of Ita Sutikno
	Soul of Joseph Kmet
	Intentions of Patricia Lee
	Soul of Marika Schmoll
	Soul of Angelo Capozzi
Wednesday	Soul of Mei Lai Cheung
Thursday	Soul of Robert Rajasingham
Friday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Belinda & Denis Soares

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager and Derek Hamilton**

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FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

With Hallowe'en just behind us there are still lots of treats around our house, it's almost as if the kids have tucked some candy in each corner. Throughout the day, I discover and eat a chocolate here, a bag of chips there, without being consciously aware of it, half-asleep you might say. Before I know it is lunchtime and when my wife asks me if I would like a sandwich, I have to sheepishly tell her I'm already full on the kids' candy.

The same can be true of our spiritual life. We move from thing to thing, a little Facebook here, some YouTube there without really being conscious of it, half asleep. Finally, when we attempt to do something prayerful, we are easily distracted or fall asleep, filled with spiritual candy. Jesus warns us of such behaviour in the Gospel this weekend and encourages his disciples and us to keep our spiritual flasks filled with the oil of his Holy Spirit.

The degree to which we will recognize Christ moving amongst us will depend upon the degree we receive him into our lives. The more we allow his Spirit to pour into our hearts the more respondent we will be. This is illustrated by a famous preacher D.L. Moody who was speaking to a large audience and held up a glass and asking, "How can I get the air out of this glass?" One man shouted, "Suck it out with a pump!" Moody replied, "That would create a vacuum and shatter the glass." After numerous other suggestions Moody smiled, picked up a pitcher of water, and filled the glass.

Our spiritual life is much the same. We don't become holy by trying to be good and perfect, by picking out our imperfections like air from a glass as the world encourages and somehow thinks is possible. Rather we fill ourselves with the Spirit of God so there is no room left for any impurities.

This truth is grasped by 12 Step programs where the first 3 steps involve admitting how powerless we are over our addictions and turning to a Power greater than ourselves to fill and restore us to sanity.

Through the coming weeks as we come to the end of the liturgical year let's reflect on how we can incorporate more spiritually nutritious foods into our diets. Can we attend Mass and Confession more frequently? Can we make time for scripture, Rosary or a course like Alpha? Do we fast and practice almsgiving on a regular basis?

As CS Lewis describes only filled with God's Spirit can we be truly happy: "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself because it is not here." So let's continue to focus on filling our souls with the highest octane fuel there is, the Holy Spirit.

John Humphries.



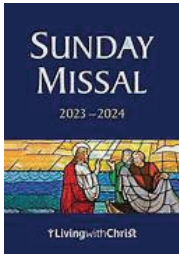
WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who supported The Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Sunday. We raised **\$3630.00**. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, forms are located in the narthex or contact the parish office.



ADVENT TAPERS

This year we will have advent tapers for sale. See Lois in the narthex before & after each mass beginning this weekend. The cost of 4 tapers is **\$10.00**.



SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2023-2024 Sunday Missal is available to purchase in the narthex this weekend before & after each mass for **\$8.00**. You can also contact the office during the week to purchase a copy.



"We want to thank all those that participated and celebrate events during this past **175th Anniversary year for St. Luke's Parish (October 2022 - October 2023)**. We are looking for pictures from any of the events that took place during the anniversary year that could appear in the special yearbook that is being produced to celebrate our 175th Anniversary year. Please send pictures or links to photo albums for review by emailing them to Percy at ptoribio@archtoronto.org. Please submit pictures or let anyone else that may have pictures know to send them by November 30 so we can get the yearbook produced."



LEST WE FORGET



PHOENIX RISING

An Inspirational Concert on **Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 7:30 pm**

Hosted by **VINCENT CHENG** (former music director of the 8:45am and organist for 5pm masses) Embark on a mesmerizing voyage through the history of music with an intimate evening of vocal and instrumental performances. Travel across the ages, witnessing the remarkable evolution of music and the indomitable human spirit that shaped it into what we cherish today.

Tickets are available online:

www.HealTheSource.com/events and also to be sold after all of the masses on the weekend on November 11/12.

Email vincent@HealTheSource.com or call 416-725-7973 for more information!

See you there!



Good Shepherd Casserole Program

Mathew in Chapter 25 quoted Jesus as having said *"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.....whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for Me"*.

It is in that spirit that we are pleased to inform you that the Tuna Casserole Program at St. Luke's will recommence in January 2024. These casseroles will feed the homeless and those in need out of the Good Shepherd Centre in downtown Toronto. If you would like to contribute or donate to this program, please contact Debbie Araujo at 647-884-3744, or Margaret Hanley at 905-881-1837 for further information. Thank you.



The Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus invite you to their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** this weekend in the parish hall from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm on Saturday and 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Just in time for Christmas, **visiting vendors** will be selling a wide variety of items. Enjoy complimentary coffee/tea while you shop & then visit the hotdog & soup counter for a quick bite to eat. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a selection of beautiful baskets!



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