

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:

New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Liturgical year, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. Today's gospel reading presents us with the image of the judgement, an image based on our love and care for others, especially for those who have the most needs. It teaches us that all human beings are equal, and that He will show love to those who have shown love in this world. As we worship our God in this celebration, we recognize our worth as human beings and we rejoice in our call to become signs of God's goodness and love!

The kingship of Christ is made real by allowing God to do his work in us and through us. It is a life-long process involving a daily invitation to conversion. He calls us, who are his subjects, to take his side in the struggle of furthering the growth of his kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Catherine McCarroll
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll
	Souls of Tanto, Ita & Robert Sutikno
	Soul of Domenic dal Cin
	Soul of Angelika Grunwald
	Soul of Rose Reinhold
Wednesday	Soul of Aiden Bucks
Thursday	Soul of Vera Felix Aguilar
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 **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Derek Hamilton and Maria DiRienza**

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"He will sit upon His glorious throne."

The past few weeks you have probably noticed a "shift" in the tone and content of the Sunday readings, in particular the gospels. The imagery has grown quite stark and the context of the readings has dealt a great deal with the coming Last Judgment. As we close this liturgical year, today's readings crescendo with this parable that so strongly urges us all to be living rightly — for the Son of Man is, indeed, coming to survey and "repay" everyone according to their conduct.

We see Christ the King coming with the angels but in the role of a shepherd-king, who separates sheep (the righteous ones) from goats. The separation is based not on our intentions but on our actions. How often or seldom have we served another in the name of Christ? Do we seek to serve "kings" (popular) but forget the lowly (unpopular)? It is by our actions toward God and others that our true nature — and our true "king" — is revealed. A shepherd, though having authority over his sheep, demonstrates his great love by serving them and risking his life for them.

This is an extension of the good shepherd imagery employed by the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading. We see God as proactively seeking out the lost sheep, even before any judgment or separation. We are given every opportunity to be in the Lord's sheepfold. God is proactive which is a theme we see put forth to the Corinthians. God did not leave us in our death but, rather, pursued and ransomed us through His only Son. He is the shepherd who not only seeks out the lost sheep but sacrifices his life for them. He is a servant-king, humble in His great power and unyielding in His pursuit and protection of us. His greatness was veiled as meekness on Earth but reveals the power of His great glory — for the shepherd became the Lamb and the Lamb sits on the throne forever and ever. Amen.

Reflect:

If God were to come again today, what would He say to you?

Challenge of the Week:

Serving the "least of these" doesn't always look like what we think it should. Sometimes, it may mean serving a peer or co-worker who are struggling to fit in, or it may mean small acts of kindness for those close to you who are having a bad day. This week, pray for the ability to see those who need God's love. Additionally, pray for the ability to see how it is He is calling you to love those people. Then act upon those moments with the confidence that God is with you.

-Alan Lee Hoy



ADVENT TAPERS

Advent tapers are still available to purchase. Please see Lois in the parish office during the week. The cost of 4 tapers is **\$10.00**.



SUNDAY MISSAL

Please contact the parish office if you wish to purchase a copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal for **\$8.00**.



This is the final week to submit any photos taken at parish events over the past year so Percy can include them in the 175th Yearbook. 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.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Baskets

As we prepare to enter the 2023 Christmas season and another very challenging year for so many, we are constantly reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing food cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season.

Please make cheques payable to: St. Vincent de Paul. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you for your continued support.

* Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul

St. Luke's CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 9th - 7:00 PM

Once again, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season as only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs (yes the kids are included) of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your

hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The concert is free but a basket will be available for a free will offering. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.



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.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH EVENT

Prepare for the Advent Season by creating your own family Advent Wreath.

Details: Parish Website

Date: Dec 2

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Cost: \$30 per family

REGISTER NOW: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of December 2-3, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique, hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase in the parish hall.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

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ALL SOULS

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members & friends on the All Souls envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Place the envelope in the basket at the altar for remembrance prayers at every mass in November.



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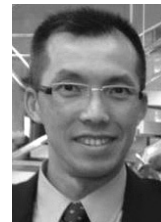
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