

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 ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



Second Sunday of Advent: Baptism and Repentance

We can begin this reflection by reflecting on what the sacrament of baptism is, in essence. Often we describe it as that grace by which our sins are taken away, become a member of the Church, or perhaps gain eternal life. All of these descriptions, and some others, are of course true. However, these expressions are *consequences* or *effects* of baptism, rather than *essential* to it. Baptism, fundamentally, is the grace by which we die and are resurrected, not hyperbolically, but ontologically. There is a real death and rebirth that occurs, whereby we are given new and eternal life, forgiven of all our sins, and become members of the visible Church. For a further reflection and explanation, Brant Pitre (a prominent Catholic theologian and scholar) has a couple of videos on YouTube that are a good resource (simply type “Brant Pitre baptism” in the search bar). Our Gospel reading today brings into remembrance our call to this first sacrament of initiation and highlights its importance. Last week, our Gospel reading reminded us of the importance of vigilance and perseverance in the Lord. Let us reflect on the haste with which we are called to be baptized in St. John the Baptist’s prophecies, and ponder how baptism is the beginning of the fulfillment of that promise, made by Christ, of salvation, and thus, its immeasurable importance.

Krishna Shanthakumar, Youth Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Lina, Peter & Ivan Soares
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll
	Soul of Champani Jayasekera
	Soul of Angelo Campoizzi
	Intentions of Christin D’Souza
	Soul of Elmer Peñoso & Eden Llantero
Wednesday	Soul of Brian Lynch
Thursday	Soul of Trafford D’Sylva
Friday	Soul of Elsa Ballesteros

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, Maria DiRienza, and Nolito Reyes**



Children’s Christmas Eve Family Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 4:00 pm

SL ShareLife

*Helping the whole community
through Catholic agencies*

Our 2023 parish goal - \$149,000.00

Raised to date - \$124,887.80

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

Children from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the youth choir and perform in the pageant for the family mass on Christmas Eve. This very special event enables the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season. All abilities are most welcome. The choir and pageant will hold rehearsals on Sunday afternoons in the church or the hall. To sign up, please see the posters in the narthex. Thank you!



Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

8:45 am & 10:30 am

**** Note – No 12:15 pm Mass**

4:00 pm

(including children's choir & pageant)

8:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

The 8:00 pm mass will be livestreamed.

**** Our choirs will welcome parishioners
½ hour before each mass on Christmas Eve**

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

10:30 am & 12:15 pm

The 10:30 am mass will be livestreamed.

Boxing Day – Tuesday, December 26th

9:00 am

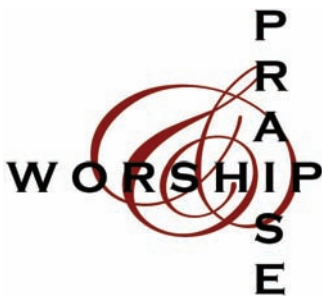
New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31st

8:45am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm & 5:00 pm

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1st

10:30 am & 12:15 pm

The 10:30 am mass will be livestreamed.



Please join us in Praise and Worship on Wednesday, **December 13th** at 7:00pm in the church. This will be our last Praise and Worship for this year. We will break for the Christmas Holidays and will come back after the New Year. Immediately after the Praise &

Worship we will break together to celebrate our Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome.



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.

DONATE AND SAVE!

A quick reminder that the tax-deductible deadline for 2023 is almost here. Donations **must be received** at the parish by December 31st for donations to be included in your 2023 tax receipt.



The office is busy preparing our files for tax receipt time. Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number in the past year? If so, please be sure to provide the parish with your updated information at stlukesth@archtoronto.org Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE POT LUCK PARTY

Help us ring in New Year 2024 with a variety of delicious food, music, dancing & good company!
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