

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 mass & 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 ☐



In complete contrast to Jonah in the first reading, the response made by Andrew and Simon Peter in the gospel to the call ‘**Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men**’ was instantaneous. Without any hesitation and with no idea of the consequence, James and John, another pair of brothers, made this identical response. All four were fishermen, and following Jesus meant abandoning the life they knew and embarking into an unknown future. We do not know if they knew a lot about Jesus before his invitation, but their decision was courageous and generous. His call must have stirred up something deep in their hearts, as they were the first of millions of people to respond to his invitation to follow him. They set out on a journey that would change them beyond imagining and give them a newfound freedom to leave old ways behind and walk a better path. The desire to follow Jesus must be a committed response and not a half-hearted gesture. To promote his kingdom and begin our own journey, requires us to repent, leave the past behind and radically change our outlook.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Souls of the Unborn especially: Anthony & Hope Lee
Tuesday	Soul of Doris Kahnert Soul of Joseph Yeh Soul of Rosabla & Jaramillo de Ramirez Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kwall Soul of Kevin Gallagher
Wednesday	Soul of Elizabeth, Joseph, Stephen & Simon Cheung
Thursday	Soul of Patricia Ann Sullivan
Friday	Soul of Mathai Augustine Mundamatfam

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, Nolito Reyes and Ed Tan**

SL ShareLife

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The final total of our 2023 campaign will be provided as soon as it is available.

In the meantime, our 2024 campaign has begun!

**Thank you for living the gospel by supporting
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Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include: **Keeseekoose First Nation** located in Saskatchewan that will receive \$30,000 in support of their “Truth Telling Gathering” held earlier this year, supported also by the Archdiocese of Regina. The event was dedicated to honoring Indigenous cultures, fostering understanding and empowering communities.

Ontario Native Women’s Association in Thunder Bay that will received \$475,000 over five years to enhance existing programming including activities related to healing & reconciliation for Indigenous women, culture and language revitalization, education and community building and spiritual and cultural teachings with elders and knowledge keepers.

Teach For Canada – Gakinaamaage located in Toronto that will receive \$450,000 over three years. The funds will be used for their initiative to invest in local educators in First Nations schools in remote locations, benefitting more than 4,300 students annually.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

Please arrange to pickup your 2024 assigned donation envelopes. They will be removed from the narthex January 31st. After that date, please contact the office at ext. 221 to arrange for pickup. Thank you.



Tuna Casserole Program

A gentle reminder to all the kind and generous parishioners who volunteered to donate a tuna casserole or a lasagna for the homeless at the Good Shepherd Centre, **Sunday, January 28th** is the deadline for your donation. Please place your casserole or lasagna in the parish kitchen freezer by then. **The hungry need our help. Thank you.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **"Social Dance"** on Saturday, January 27 in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 pm. For a \$15.00 admission donation, enjoy an assortment of ballroom and Latin dance music as well as line dancing. Reservations are encouraged, as admission is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Luis Santalla at gk4393@ontariokofc.ca for more information.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Sunday, February 11, 2024
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
65 Bond Street, Toronto
ALL ARE WELCOME!

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2024.

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are asked to register online. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 pm. Register at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage



The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2020. York Catholic provides a Christ-centred, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region.

The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca to register for classes starting in September.



CWL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a CWL General Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th in the parish hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

New members are always welcome!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

Invites Cancer patients and Caregivers to a day of retreat to experience God's healing love.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Registration 8:30 am

Cost: \$45.00

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON

For more information, please contact: Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Please join us Wednesday, **January 24th at 7:00pm** for an evening of Praise & Worship in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

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