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## St. Luke's Parish

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### PRAYER REQUEST LINE - 905-881-2786 Ext 250

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 $\ \square$



Each one of us is a sanctuary of the living God, housing his love within our hearts. If everyone we meet is a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, we cannot confine God to a particular time, to something the human mind can conceive and control. We worship God not just in church on a Sunday morning, but by behaving well and treating each other kindly. The gospel challenges us as to where God is to be found in our lives and what type of home we have made for him. Is it a sacred place, a tabernacle where he is honoured and loved? Are we comfortable with Jesus as our guest? Maybe we have grown careless, limiting our worship of God to Sunday mornings in a church building and for the rest of the week are caught up in the worship of false gods in the marketplace! Unknown to ourselves, our hearts can become so cluttered with all types of distractions. Lent provides us with an opportunity to take time out and reflect on what is of central importance in our hearts and minds. It urges us to clarify our priorities and bring the gospel into everyday living. To avail ourselves of an environment of love, truth and hope which absolutely necessary for growth in the spirit, we may have to ask Christ to cleanse our inner selves as he did the temple.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday Soul of **George V. Pinto**Tuesday Soul of **Tom Schmoll** 

Soul of Alan Yuk Moi Cheng

Soul of John Gallagher

Soul of Howard Lui Wai Hung

Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall

Wednesday Soul of Margaret Hendry

Thursday Soul of Mariakutty Augustine

Mundamatfam

Friday Souls in Purgatory

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, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes, Ed Tan, Carl Rampersad, Elizabeth Liversidge and Fra. Michael G-Mariam



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

This year, St. Luke's is participating in the 40 days for Life campaign. The goal is to have a minimum of two St. Luke parishioners praying peacefully 50 meters from the abortion clinic between the hours of 7am-7pm on **SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024**. This peaceful witness will occur in front of the parking lot of St. Charles Borromeo Church located at 811 Lawrence Ave West, North York.

Please consider committing to 1 hour. To sign up for a spot, please register on the 40 days for life website:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/toronto.



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

You are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday morning during Lent beginning at 9:30 am following mass.



St. Vincent de Paul EASTER FOOD DRIVE March 9-10 and March 16-17

"When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink....." (Matthew 25:35).

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food, etc.) to the church the weekends of March 9/10 or March 16-17. Your donations support the Georgina Food Pantry. Every month, they distribute hundreds of food hampers to the needy in their community. **THANK YOU!** 

#### LENTEN CONFESSIONS



Tuesday, March 5th - following 7:00 pm mass Wednesday March  $6^{th}$  – 9:30 am – 10:30am

# Alpha

#### **CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH?**

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each **ALPHA** session, you watch an episode on a different question of faith – then have a chance to share your thoughts and

hear what others think. You can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. Questions?

StLukesAlphaSeries@gmail.com

**Date:** Mondays from March 18-June 3

**Time:** 6;30pm-8;30 pm **Location:** Parish Hall

(1 Day retreat at L'Arche Daybreak Centre)

**Details:** See the Parish Website

GUEST REGISTRATION: https://linktr.ee/stlukesalpha

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

Next Sunday, we welcome Frank Jannetta from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services to our parish.

Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese

of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs. If you have any questions, Frank will be in the narthex and will be happy to speak to you.

#### **Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024**

February 5, 2024 – April 15, 2024

**Theme:** "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on February 4 every year. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. They are encouraged to follow the guiding rules provided on the Catholic Register website and submit their entries by filling the details on the submission format at: https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest

### **S1** ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Our 2024 parish goal - \$140,000.00 Raised to date - \$366.00

### You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant do not know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it too." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

**ShareLife Sunday is March 17.** 

Thank you for living the Gospel!

### THORNHILL MINISTERIAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES 2024



For 54 years, the Christian churches of Thornhill have been celebrating our common belief in our one true Father, God, and Jesus Christ His Son, our Saviour. The services that we have shared over the years

during the Lenten Season have enabled us to enjoy wonderful fellowship with our Christian neighbours. This year you have an opportunity to participate in this Ecumenical outreach in the services that are taking place on Sundays beginning at 4:00. The celebration is about 45 minutes and there is a lovely social time after.

The theme for this year is "The Faithful Christian".

The second service of the series is next **Sunday, March 3** at Holy Trinity Anglican Church and our own John Humphries will be sharing his thoughts on "**The Importance of Being Faithful Christians.**"

The final time that we all come together is right here at St. Luke's on **Sunday**, **March 17**. The Reverend Leigh Olson from Thornhill United Church will give us her insights on "*The Joys of Being Faithful Christians*". This is also the service where, for the last 15 years or so, all the churches bring their choirs to us and collectively we raise the roof in joyful, powerful song!

You are all invited to these celebrations of our common faith, and, like any celebration, the more that attend the more memorable the event will be!



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