

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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Name	Phone
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Jesus offers us this beautifully striking image of the **Vineyard** when describing the intimate nature of the relationship between himself and his disciples. He is saying that his followers are to be so closely united with him as to share his ideals, attitudes and concerns. The vine, with its life-giving energy, is a vibrant and dynamic image of the Christian community. Just as the branch is dependent on the vine for food and life, we are dependent on Jesus for divine life and spiritual sustenance. Repeatedly, John’s gospel emphasises the profound oneness that exists between each one of us and Christ, who is our life. It describes the importance of keeping in touch with Jesus, if his life giving blood is to flow within our veins. “Cut off from me you can do nothing”. We can easily forget that as branches of the same vine, we are also connected to one another and called to form a community of love. It is not enough to have a personal relationship with Christ if we fail to reach out in love and understanding to those we meet in the course of our day. Our belonging to Jesus challenges us to move beyond ourselves and realise that we need each other.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Tuesday	Soul of Kathleen Gallagher Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Mary Tissanayagam Soul of Giuseppe D’Ambrosio Soul of Celine Rebello
Wednesday	Soul of Leo Ceolin
Thursday	Soul of Audrey MacEachren
Friday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua

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, Fra. Michael G-Mariam**

Recipe for the Christian Life

Have you ever thought or heard someone say to you that the Catholic life is too complicated, with all the rules and regulations, the dos and don’ts? On the surface, prior to my encounter with Jesus, I would agree. On the surface, without encountering the living and risen Lord, we appear to focus on arbitrary rules and live to assert these rules on others; and in today’s world of “you do you” this seems to restrict my freedom.

The reality and truth are, our faith is quite simple, not easy, but simple. All these rules and things of our faith are a gift from God to help us, in our brokenness to enter into a relationship with Jesus, to help us enter into prayer, into who God is, and surround ourselves with sacredness.

The readings this week give us the simple “recipe” of the Catholic life. In the second reading, God tells us to **keep His commandments**, all of them, not just the easy one’s or the one’s we’re already living, but all of them; to walk in them and keep them. We’re told to be holy, be righteous, be blameless.

From the first reading we’re told **to remain in God** every day, not to depart from Him. Don’t turn away from God, don’t turn your attention from God; to set your eyes and gaze upon Him.

In the Gospel we’re told that God is the vine and we’re the branches. If we separate ourselves from the vine, we’ll die. As the branches, the vine is how we get our water, our life, our sustenance.

When we remain attached to the Vine, to God, we’ll keep growing and growing and growing. The gospel tells us **to bind ourselves to God** and we’ll live.

This is the recipe of the Christian life. **Keep His commandments, remain in God and bind ourselves to Him.** This is simple, but not easy, this is more than difficult, it’s impossible on our own. We need God’s grace to live the Christian life well.

When we do this, what happens? We bear good fruit. This is how we know when we’re following Jesus, when our will is His will. Is your life bearing good fruit? If it is, keep it up, if it’s not, change it up. Doing this will not only bear great fruit, your life will never end, from now and through eternity.

This recipe will transform your life into something truly beautiful; it will allow you to be the person God created you to be, the person God designed you to be; it will allow you to live a life that is fully alive, an authentic human life, not superhuman, just wonderfully human.

So, keep God’s commandments, remain in God and bind yourself to Him. - Alan Lee Hoy

April 28, 2024

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SAINT VINCENT de PAUL Bundle Up Weekend May 11 & 12th

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the NW corner of the church parking lot to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please ... no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** The container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers to assist with loading the trailers before and after each mass are always welcome. **THANK YOU!**

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

Women's Day Retreat – Saturday May 9th

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Theme: *Attitude with Gratitude*

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or office@qoa.ca

Totus Tuus is coming in July!

Registrations will be opening very soon. For information about some of the details, please see the posters on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Our parish website will have more information available in the following week.

OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO CONCERT

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 7:30 PM

Tickets are now available. Please see details at olegpianoconcert.eventbrite.com. If you have questions contact Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 or greg.benoit@rogers.com



With thanks & gratitude we announce Fr. Wenceslao Abalos is retiring after serving our Lord for 43 years. We are grateful for the past 13 years he has dedicated to the parishioners at St. Luke's Parish. Fr. Wen's retirement is effective June 26, 2024.

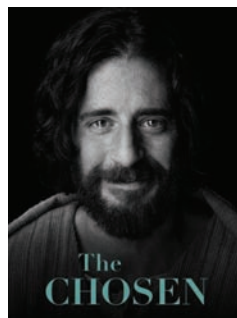
We are also pleased to announce that on June 26, 2024 Fr. Savio Bruto da Costa will join St. Luke's Parish as Associate Priest. Fr. Savio emigrated from Goa, India and was ordained to the priesthood on May 13, 2023 at St. Michael's Basilica. Fr. Savio is currently serving at St. Mary's Parish in Barrie.



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”.

Tuna/Lasagna Casseroles are due Sunday, April 28th. They will be picked up early the following week. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry 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 CHOSEN

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