

# 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.

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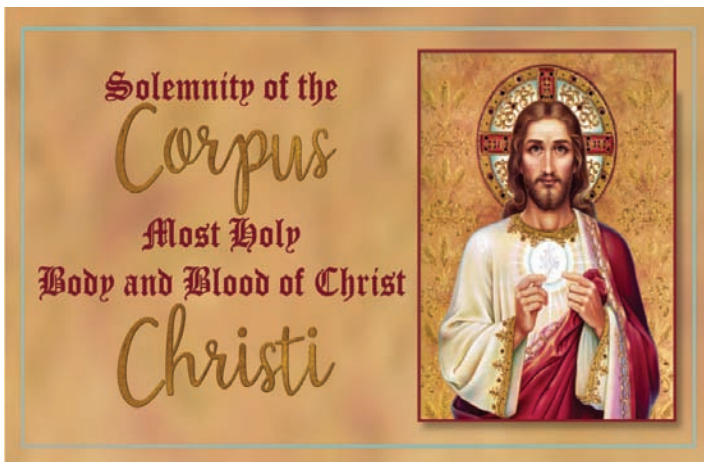
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. We are invited simply to meditate again on this incredible gift that God gives us: the very life, body and soul and divinity, of Jesus Christ. Only by accepting His sacrifice for us can we truly understand God’s love for us. In today’s Gospel, we see the followers of Jesus preparing for the Last Supper. They follow the instructions of Jesus and everything turns out as He had told them. We are invited to follow Jesus as they did. Let us celebrate this Holy Mass today as a true thanksgiving, a Eucharist in the deepest meaning of that word! Let us give thanks for the life of Jesus that is given to us when bread and wine become body and blood. With His life, we have life. With His gift to us we are invited to give our lives as gifts to one another. May our faith transform us and transform our world.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Leo Ceolin</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Marika Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Francis Navaratnam</b> Soul of <b>Joan Lookhong</b> Soul of <b>Simon Kertez</b> Soul of <b>Carmen Butcher</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Rosa &amp; Hubert Henkel</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Reginald Kingsford</b> Soul of <b>Maria Lai Keok Kwee &amp; Stephen Y. L. Chua</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Natalie Pooran</b>

***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, Elizabeth Liversidge, Fra. Michael G-Mariam and Betty Lea**

**Because He First Loved Me**

The Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft once asked a group of university students what they would say if they were to die that very night, appear before God and be asked, “Why should I let you into heaven?” He collected the answers. They had one thing in common, they were all the wrong answers. They were all about the kinds of things we do for God, and made no mention of what God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

I myself have often had the same experience in ministry and in my own faith. For most of my life as a Catholic I have lacked a conviction that I cannot save myself. Rather than receive our Saviour through faith and live this faith out in love through good works, all of which are grounded in the free gift of God’s grace, I mostly stive to be “nice” and thus earn God’s love. Deep down many of us believe that unless we are some kind of reprobate like Hitler, we all really deserve salvation, because most people are really nice people. Salvation is something owed to us, not because of what God has done, or really even what I have done, but what I have not done(really, really bad things).

This perspective fails to take into account what we see happening in Genesis where God warns Adam and Eve that if they eat from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil they will surely die. They do it eat from it and they both die. Not physically but spiritually. It is not until our Baptism and participation in the life, death and resurrection of Christ that we are Spiritually revived and are filled once again with the Ruach or Spirit of God we received when God first breathed into our nostrils the breath of Life.

This was my experience when I was baptized as an adult. I felt as though something that existed within me but was lying dormant came to life, that my Spiritual Life was resurrected and a new world was opened up for me.

Our Spiritual Life like our physical life needs to be nurtured if we hope to grow and not fall back into death. This is accomplished in many ways through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and good works but primarily through the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast we celebrate this weekend. The Eucharist is more than Christ’s earthly body, it is his divinized heavenly Body and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we will fully experience when God will be all in all. The Eucharist is supernatural and when it enters our body we are assimilated into it, working our redemption and intimate incorporation into the Divine Body, the very Life of God.

So, when our eventual time comes and we are asked, “Why should I let you into heaven?” We can lovingly sing: “Because He first loved me.” John Humphries.

**TOTUS TUUS**

**Registration is now open on our website**

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for “Totally Yours”) this summer from **July 7-12**. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games!

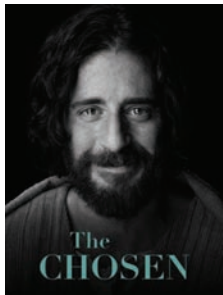
**QUESTIONS?** Contact our Youth Minister Krishna at (647) 783 0876 (no SMS, only WhatsApp)

OR [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org)

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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**2021 Easter Children Drawing Contest**

Knights of Columbus – St. Luke’s Parish Council 4393 thanks all the children who submitted their meaningful and artistic entries, and announces that the winner in each of the three categories have been selected and contacted to receive their \$75.00 gift cards.

We congratulate Johanna, Abigail & Natalie for their great depictions of Easter & Jesus!



The Annual Marygrove Camp Collection will take place on the weekend of June 8/9. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Toronto

Central Council helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario, open to eligible girls ages 5-13 that provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility. Envelopes are in the pew pockets for your convenience. Thank you.



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