

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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New Parishioner Envelopes Change of Address Moving out of Parish



A constant phrase that we find in the gospels is “Do not be afraid.” At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells Mary, not to be afraid. The shepherds on the hillside at Bethlehem are told, “Fear not.” We see it all around us at the loss of a loved, the breakdown of a relationship and at the news of a serious illness. Many feel threatened by the lack of financial security. The present state of the world makes a lot of people fear for the future. What will tomorrow turn out to be? Others are deeply upset about the church, plagued as it is with all sorts of trials and rocked from within and without by confusion and dissension. We are afraid of something all of the time and of everything some of the time. Fear is a healthy response to uncertainty and it tells us, as nothing else can, that we cannot save ourselves. There is no need to fear as long as we are in touch with Jesus in our midst. Christ came to dispel fear as well as darkness. His stilling of the storm is a sign that his presence brings calmness. He is greater than our deepest fears and the forces of evil which threaten to overwhelm us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Robert Nixdorf
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Carlyle Walters Soul of Sylvia Pedro Soul of Debra Alsuran Soul of Nicole & Christopher Figuera
Wednesday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Thursday	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Soul of Eleanor Metevier

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**

Keep Calm and Pray On

The family was recently on vacation and we were enjoying a lovely lunch together when my two older boys suddenly started to panic. They were checking on a video game club they created and were shocked to see that all the members of the group had been removed and replaced by new members by one of their friends, essentially destroying the club. They were distraught but I assured them it would be ok, that the storm would pass and to rely on Jesus. Sure enough the storm did pass and a couple days later everything was good and their friend apologized.

So often in our lives as we travel to the other side of life, we encounter storms similar to what my sons experienced. No matter who we are, the storms come and the storms go. Whether they be familial, personal, health or work related we all go through them, it is simply a part of life. The true test of a person is how we manage them. When things are going well it is easy to be kind, empathetic and generous. It is when the seas get rough that our mettle is tested. Do we respond or do we react?

Thankfully as Christians, we have a wonderful Captain in our boat to help us manage the rough times. It may seem when things are getting rough that he disappears or is sleeping in the back but this is not the case as Jesus is always inviting us to share in the peace he maintains despite the raging storms. When we can no longer hold the peace he offers we can call on him and trust that with a simple: “sssssshhhhhh” he will calm the waves we face. The same voice that created the storm calms it.

Often the storms are a blessing as we sometimes allow Jesus’ indwelling Spirit to lie dormant so it needs to be stirred up by Holy Spirit through prayer and petition, a living faith.

It is truly awe inspiring to see how Jesus calms the storms in our lives. Just as the disciples were amazed when they said to one another: “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Now when I am faced with a challenge I try to accept it and I am excited to see how Jesus will help me respond and deepen my faith in doing so, just as he has patiently done time and time again. We learn to expect a miracle and accept the one received.

We are also blessed by the people who travel in the boat with us. Our brothers and sisters who share our storms and console us in countless and remarkable ways. Every Sunday when I am surrounded by my fellow shipmates at St. Luke’s and we celebrate Eucharist together I know we can get through any storm life may present. May we continue to sail together and keep a steady course for our destination is a club beyond our wildest dreams.

John Humphries.

June 23, 2024

HAPPY RETIREMENT FR. WEN!



After 43 years, Fr. Wen is retiring and this is his last weekend serving at our parish.

Fr. Wen has made it very clear he does not want a lot of fuss over his retirement. He is most grateful for the past 11 years he has spent with us at St. Luke's Parish and for the endearing friendships he has made along the way.

Please join us after all masses as we celebrate Fr. Wen's dedication to the priesthood, sharing memories and laughs while enjoying a little cake & refreshments.

In lieu of gifts, Fr. Wen has asked that you make a donation to either St. Vincent de Paul or to a charity of your choice in his honour. That would make him most happy!

Specially marked envelopes are available on the information table for your convenience.

TOTUS TUUS

Registration is 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

REGISTER: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>

More information about the program is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca.

We look forward to seeing you there!

THE CHOSEN

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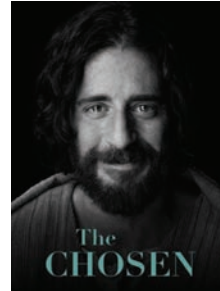
Join us as we WATCH, DISCUSS, & ENCOUNTER Jesus and his followers through **The Chosen - Season 1**

Date: Every Tuesday until July 2nd

Time: 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Parish Hall

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