

# St. Luke's Parish

39 Green Lane, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 6K5 Tel: 905-881-2786

Website: [stlukesth.archtoronto.org](http://stlukesth.archtoronto.org)

Email: [stlukesth@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlukesth@archtoronto.org)



**Pastor: Fr. Mark Van Patten - Ext. 222**

**Associate Pastor: Fr. Sávio Antonio Bruto da Costa - Ext 232**

**In Residence: Fr. Sherwin Holandez - Ext. 231**

**Secretary: Lois Henderson - Ext. 221**

**Pastoral Associate: John Humphries - Ext 226**

**Lay Pastoral Associate - Alan Lee Hoy - Ext 233**

**Youth Minister - Krishna Shanthakumar - Ext. 233**

**Knights of Columbus - St. Luke's Council 4393 - Ext. 235**

**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

PARISH St. Anthony's St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke St. Robert C.H.S. Saint John Paul II

SCHOOLS: 141 Kirk Dr.

135 Green Lane

8101 Leslie St.

155 Red Maple Rd.

Thornhill

Thornhill

Thornhill

Richmond Hill L4B 4P9

905-889-7420

905-881-2300

905-889-4982

905-709-3134/709-3136

For more information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the York Catholic District School Board at 905-713-2711 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

**PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET**

Name ..... Phone.....

Address ..... Postal Code.....

Children & Dates of Births: .....

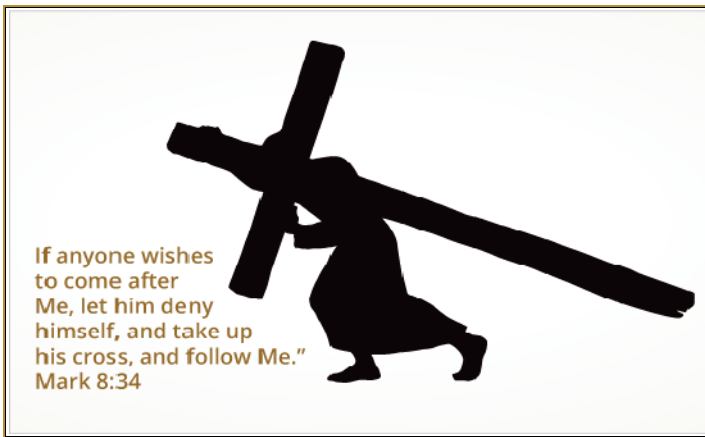
.....

New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



## Drawing Water

We heard in a recent Gospel that nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, rather it is the things that come out of a person that defile them. This is due to our exercise of free will. In the same vein, it is the things that come out of a person that purify and make them holy.

We see this beautifully illustrated in one of my favourite biblical encounters between Jesus and the Woman of Samaria. In this encounter we witness Jesus tired by his journey resting by Jacob's well. When the Samaritan woman approaches the well, he asks her to draw some water and give him a drink. The woman surprised and intrigued by his boldness asks him why he is breaking cultural convention and asking a Samaritan woman to draw him water. They enter into a dialogue and through their conversation, the woman has a conversion experience and leaves the encounter not only a follower but a disciple proceeding to share the good news with her community.

In my own life, I am reluctant to be like Jesus and ask a friend or a family member to draw water for me. I am reluctant for many different reasons such as: I shouldn't ask for help if I can try to do it myself, I am worried the other person will get upset and think less of me and I am concerned their help will somehow be insufficient. After reflecting on this reading, I have realized my desire for independence has limited the opportunities for those around me to grow closer to me and God.

Not that we try to take advantage of our neighbour, but we invite our brothers and sisters into a reciprocal sharing of gifts and talents that is at the heart of every loving relationship. With Jesus at the centre we need not fear being exploited or exploiting our neighbour, for God purifies our interrelations. Jesus invites us to take on his yoke to lighten the load and to do the same with others. When I imagine Jesus drawing water from within me, I find it Life giving to feel the Holy Spirit discovering resources and a strength that I wasn't even aware was there. In the same way when I am reflecting about drawing water from the people in my life I pray and ask Jesus for the grace to approach them as he approached the Samaritan woman.

In our Gospel this weekend, we are invited to lose our lives for Jesus' sake and for the sake of the Gospel and we will save them. We lose our lives by entrusting ourselves to God's and our neighbour's providence, to draw water from those around us and to be drawn likewise. Unlike earthly wells that eventually run dry our spiritual wells produce eternal water, a fresh, bubbling spring within us, giving us eternal life. Amen. John Humphries.

### “ ..... TAKE UP HIS CROSS & FOLLOW ME”

Human suffering remains an enigma. No situation in life is more certain to focus our minds than the presence of suffering. Down the ages, thinking minds have agonized over the problem, but to no avail. We are all baffled because there has been no adequate explanation as to why there should be suffering in a world created and loved by God. The only explanation that makes sense comes from looking at the image of the dying Christ on the cross and knowing that he was victorious over death. His cross is a reminder of his willingness to share the pain and grief that afflicts us and it teaches us that out of the most terrible situations God can draw goodness and new life. In our darkest moments, it is important to follow in the footsteps of Christ who gave meaning to suffering by filling it with his presence. No situation no matter how bleak is beyond hope for the follower of Christ who by his suffering, death and resurrection made all things new. Borne with faith, the trials that life brings can become a blessing and help us to see ourselves more clearly. Sorrow and suffering can fashion us into people who are more compassionate and understanding that we had ever dreamt possible.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of <b>Teresa Tang</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Marika Schmoll</b> Intentions of <b>Gino DeLuca</b> Soul of <b>Romeo Idolo</b> Soul of <b>Pau Lau</b> Soul of <b>Andrew Cha</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Michael McCloskey &amp; Catherine Lee Sing</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Sylvia Chan</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Mario Pinto</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***  
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially:  
**Fra. Michael G-Mariam**

**HOLYLAND  
RELIGIOUS ITEMS**



The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus – is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been difficult ones for the community with some Christians having to flee the Holy Land. Jenny from Holy Land Wood Art

will be in the parish hall **Sept 21/22<sup>nd</sup> weekend** offering a variety of religious items for sale. Join her before & after mass to view a selection of rosaries, bracelets, carved figurines & many gift ideas. Every purchase helps strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Thank you.



**End of Summer  
Social  
Sept 14 & 15  
(after all masses)**

As summer fades and another school year begins, it is the perfect time to re-connect with fellow

parishioners & dedicate ourselves to our parish community. For those who are able, we are still working on building a robust team of volunteers to assist in various ministries.

Many parishioners did not meet **Fr. Sávio** during the summer due to holidays and we are also excited to welcome seminarian **Christopher Quigley** who will be assisting at our parish over the next eight months, so stop by & say hi while enjoying refreshments & sweets in the parish hall after all masses. See you there!

**First Communion 2024/25**

Any families with children who will be entering Grade 2 or higher in September 2024 who are interested in having their child celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion please contact John Humphries at [john.humphries@rogers.com](mailto:john.humphries@rogers.com) by September 15. John will contact you with program details.



**CWL – MEMBERS MEETING**

**Correction**

There will be a members meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, Sept 25th beginning at 7:00pm.

New members are always welcome.

**2025 RCIA Program**

Registration for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program is now OPEN! If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming a member of the church, this program is a wonderful opportunity to explore and embrace our spiritual journey.

Important Registration Details are available on our website. If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please contact one of our LPAs Alan at [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org).

We are excited to welcome new members into our faith community and support you through this transformative journey.

**2024/25 Confirmation Pre Program**

Attention All Families! We are thrilled to announce that registration for our 2024/25 Confirmation Program is now OPEN!

This is a significant milestone in your child's faith journey, and we are excited to support them as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Important Registration Details are available on our website.

For any questions or additional information, please contact our Youth Minister, Krishna, at [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org).

We look forward to walking this important spiritual path with your child!



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**SEPT 28/29 & OCT 5/6<sup>TH</sup> WEEKENDS**

Thanksgiving is approaching! Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Georgina Community Food Pantry**.

Thank you for supporting this important program.

**Jo Carroll**  
Sales Representative  
Parishioner



*People come first & it shows!*

Cell **416-805-4479**  
carroll\_jo@hotmail.com

Your Community Realty, Brokerage



**ROYAL LEPAGE**



Experience Inspired Senior Living

Book Your Tour Today!  
**(905) 738-0905**

**FOUR ELMS**  
RETIREMENT RESIDENCE


1500 Steeles Ave. W.,  
Thornhill, ON L4J 4H6  
FourElmsRetirement.com

INSPIRED SENIOR LIVING WITH 



**Baygreen Pharmacy**  
*The Family Pharmacy*

Voted Best Pharmacy 2004  
Thornhill & Richmond Hill  
FREE PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY  
8 Green Lane **905-889-9461**



**Dr. Ricky Leung**  
**Dentistry**

*Trust us with your smile*


2900 Steeles Ave. E. Suite 201  
(2nd Floor Shops on Steeles/Hwy 404)  
**905-881-3434**

**DYNAMIC RECOVERY** 

REHABILITATION CENTRE

**905-764-3818**

Physiotherapy • Acupuncture  
Orthotics • Massage



**Luke Tsang**  
#204 - 8220 Bayview Ave  
[www.dynamicrecovery.ca](http://www.dynamicrecovery.ca)



License #11736  
**The Mortgage Centre**

**SHRIVANA (VANA) CUNDEN**  
Mortgage Agent-Level 1  
**647-632-8250**  
shrivana@gmail.com

**Preferred rate for Parishioners**



**ROYAL LEPAGE Community** Marjan Attar-Zadeh  
Sales Representative  
416-712-5981

Rose Khosravani  
Broker  
647-296-6343

Real Estate Services


Call  
**1-800-268-2637**  
for this space



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
FUNERAL SERVICES


In keeping with your Catholic faith  
[www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

Holy Cross Cemetery & Funeral Home  
**905-889-7467**



**Peter Drabik** - Parishioner  
Sales Representative

Call me on my **SELL** phone  
**416.399.5587**



Real Estate Services

**M R Auto Service**



**Ringo Wong**  
Owner/Parishioner

English, Cantonese & Mandarin spoken  
**60 Green Lane • Cell 416-616-6888**



**M&M**  
FOOD MARKET

*Tuesday is Senior's Day!*

Enjoy **10% off any regular priced item!**

Located in the Bayview Glen Plaza  
just North of the 407  
#17 8750 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill  
**905-597-1099**  
[www.mmfoodmarket.com](http://www.mmfoodmarket.com)

Please check out our full weekly flyer on our website and on Flip.



Highland Funeral Home  
Markham Chapel  
by Arbor Memorial

Arbor Memorial Inc.

**Because family matters!**  
**905-887-8600** • [highlandfuneralhome.ca/markham](http://highlandfuneralhome.ca/markham)

**MORRISON AND PAYNE**  
Barristers and Solicitors

**John D. Morrison**  
Parishioner

Corporate/Commercial  
Commercial Litigation

Commercial & Residential Real Estate  
Wills and Estate Planning & Administration  
505 Consumers Rd, Suite 1005  
**416-224-9968**  
[www.morrisonandpayne.com](http://www.morrisonandpayne.com)



**PAUL ZAMMIT**  
REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE  
905-881-2181  
[WWW.ZAMMIT.COM](http://WWW.ZAMMIT.COM)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**


Become an Online Member [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)  
Roque Pinto 416-662-6573 [stlukekoc4393@gmail.com](mailto:stlukekoc4393@gmail.com)



**CCSYR**  
Reaching out to all  
Catholic Community Services of York Region

- Counselling
- Autism Services
- Employment Services
- Settlement Services
- Asylum/Refugee Support
- Community Engagement

Find us in local libraries, schools, welcome centres and online  
@ccsyrorg  
Phone: 905-770-7040 | Toll Free: 1-800-263-2075 | Fax: 905-770-7064  
[ccsyry.org](http://ccsyry.org) | [ccsyry@ccsyry.org](mailto:ccsyry@ccsyry.org)

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL**  
Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

Grades 7 to 12  
University preparatory

**APPLYSMCS.COM**



**Desjardins Insurance**

Dan Vacca - Agent  
Save up to 30% on insurance  
905-707-1600



[www.danvacca.ca](http://www.danvacca.ca)