

# St. Luke's Parish

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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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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



Today's Gospel deals with a very important subject – the exercise of authority.

People seek authority for different reasons. Some people like the power that goes with it; it makes them feel important. Others like the prestige it brings. Others like the higher salary. All these reasons have one thing in common – authority is seen as an opportunity to promote oneself.

When James and John asked Jesus if they could have the top places in his kingdom, they were thinking only of themselves. However, Jesus told them that in his kingdom the greatest would be those who were willing to serve others rather than serve themselves.

As always, he set the example himself. He did not lord it over people. He appealed and invited, but left the response to them. He would lead, but he would not control. His authority mirrored that of God. God uses power not to control but to enable.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of <b>Susanna Kim</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Tom Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Mhrat G-Mariam &amp; Fra. Michael G-Mariam</b> Soul of <b>Frances Anne Morrison</b> Intentions of <b>Norito Reyes</b> Intentions of <b>Moon Kim</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Kevin Gallagher</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Maria, Lewis &amp; Francis Henriques</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Eleanor Metevier</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially:

**Elizabeth and Tonya Liversidge,  
Chantal Soriano, Wilfredo Soriano and Ann Bozabalian**

## The Request of James and John

If you can't be the one in power, be close to the one in power. We can't always be the leader, but to have the leader's ear and be on his right and left is the same as sharing in the leader's mission. It is a sharing of power. James and John make a bold request of Jesus in the Gospel: they want to share His power. Perhaps they were still looking at Jesus as a sort of "military messiah," one who would violently liberate the people from the yoke of the Roman government. They wanted a major role so that when the battle started and after it was won, they would be high-ranking officials that people looked to, along with Jesus, and were credited with victory.

We may look at our relationship with Jesus in this kind of contractual agreement. We want to be close to Jesus because of the benefits of the relationship. Jesus flips it all around on James and John, and they don't even realize it. Jesus tests them, asking if they really think they have what it takes to share in His mission — to drink from the cup that He drinks from — and they say they do. They don't know what the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews knows. Jesus is the great high priest whose main concern is not that of a military leader, but rather of service and sacrifice. In fact, Jesus is the "suffering servant" that the prophet Isaiah speaks about in the first reading. He does free captives, but not from the earthly bondage of the Roman government. Jesus' mission is to free all people from the captivity of sin and death.

James and John can — and will — share in this mission, not as the people who have the power to liberate from death, but as the people that share the good news of the one (Jesus) that can. That is what it means for us to be close to the power of God. We put ourselves at the service of the Gospel, sharing what we've received and helping to free all those in the slavery of sin. Jesus invites us to be a part of this V.I.P. list (at His right and His left), but the benefits aren't merely about power — they are about eternity.

**Reflect:** As Christians, we are called to share the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. How do you share the Gospel with those you encounter in daily life, from strangers to familiar faces?

**Challenge:** Spend time reflecting in prayer on the areas of your life where you are facing the greatest temptations to turn away from God and toward sin. Brainstorm concrete ways you can resist the temptation and remain steadfast in your commitment to the Lord. When you are feeling tempted, pray for God's mercy and grace to protect you in your time of need.  
Alan Lee Hoy

October 20, 2024

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The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 17 & Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 7:00 pm.

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St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Friday evening, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

The names of those **who have died since last November** will be announced in a special way during the service with all names placed in the memorial basket at the altar to be prayed for at each mass during the month of November.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, e-mail their name to [stlukesth@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlukesth@archtoronto.org) by Tuesday, October 30 for their names to be included in the program.

\* There is no change to our Friday morning mass at 9:00 am.

*Thank you Irene*

for decorating our altar with another amazing Thanksgiving display!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

are sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest  
The topic is: *What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why.*

*How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?*

The contest is open to catholic students in grades 8-12.

For more information, contact: James McDonald at 647-

419-9534 or Luis Santalla at [gk4393@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk4393@ontariokofc.ca)

The due date is November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon.

### ST. LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

**Saturday, October 26,**

**2024**

**6:30 pm**



Come one!! Come All!!

Join us for an evening of international fun, food & dance! Tickets will be on sale again this weekend and are:

\$10.00 for adults & \$5.00

for each child **plus** a dish from your country. Please contact Shaila D'Souza [shailaflavy@gmail.com](mailto:shailaflavy@gmail.com) for more information regarding entertainment & food.

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### **Many Thanks!!**

**To** all the generous donors who helped make our Thanksgiving Food Drive such a success. We were able to fill eight grocery carts to help the Richmond Hill Food Bank & offer some financial assistance to the Georgina Food Pantry. **Thanks also** to those who continue to support Saint Vincent de Paul throughout the year. Your donations have enabled us to continue to provide clothing and food to the needy in our community and to help our twin in the Dominican Republic. ([www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)).

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