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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

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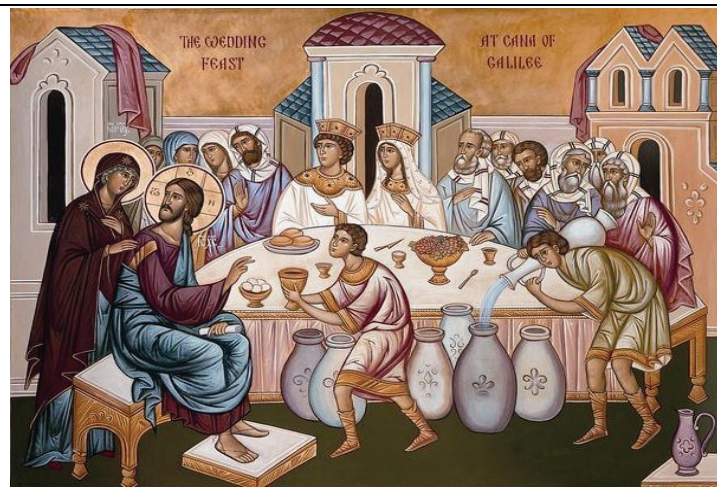
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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



As Christians we must not merely dwell on the wonder involved in changing water into wine. The gospel is a marvellous picture of the loving relationship we have with Jesus who is present at the various activities in our lives. He is aware that our best efforts require the touch of God and is always willing to help especially when we experience difficulties. He brings healing where there is hurt, forgiveness where there is a lack of support. The wine is the life of God brought to people through Jesus. He can transform us, taking the ordinary in us and making it extra-ordinary, turning anguish into wonder and want into wealth. Life is always changed for the better when we allow Jesus into our hearts and home for he enriches the very ordinary, makes it precious and gives us an eternal flavour to the commonplace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Marlene McLear
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Bill Myers Soul of Eufemia Azuela Soul of Alberto & Dora Mazzocchi Soul of Jamale, Hana & Hany
Wednesday	Soul of Ray Bursey
Thursday	Soul of Umberto Di Rienzo
Friday	Intentions of Michela Templeton

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, Leonard Sandrasagra, Joseph Mak and Aileen Simone Crean

We Have No Wine

After celebrating Christmas for the past 20 days, we now return to Ordinary Time. It should be noted that many Catholics continue to celebrate Christmas until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, as was the case before the Second Vatican Council, for a total of 40 days echoing the 40 days of Lent so if you still have your Christmas decorations up like me it's ok.

With all that has happened over the past few weeks now is a good time to reflect back on some of the gifts received. One gift received that stands out for me occurred on December 22nd when the parish began Christmas decorations. I entered the hall with my son at the established time and was surprised we were the only two, as usually the decorating crew is quite large. I was wondering to myself how the two of us would manage to get everything done but I didn't panic as many servings of humble pie over the years have taught me not to despair in such situations.

This year was no different and after about five minutes, God started providing. First, our parish secretary entered the hall and a few minutes later, some choir members appeared. Then out of the blue more parishioners came and asked if we needed help. I asked them how they knew we were decorating, and they said they didn't but as they drove by the church something inspired them to go inside and see if help was needed. I was in awe. As the afternoon continued, more and more people arrived and all I could do was smile and whisper to God: "You are so good." The next day even more volunteers continued the decorating.

We witness something similar happening in our Gospel this weekend as we encounter Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Our Blessed Mother was concerned the wedding couple would run out of wine just as I was concerned, we would run out of energy to get the decorating done. Mary trusted her Son would provide and Jesus certainly does, providing 180 litres of choice wine, far exceeding all expectations, just as my expectations were far exceeded by the number of volunteers. And what joy the servants at the wedding feast must have had manifesting Jesus' first miracle just as the decorating team experienced great joy manifesting this modern-day miracle.

In Cana, Jesus' generosity allowed for the celebration to continue with elevated spirits just as the decorations allowed our Christmas' celebrations to continue with elevated spirits. In future, I hope to draw on this experience and the experience of Cana. When I am struggling, and doubts and anxiety start bubbling up I hope to remember to bring my concerns to Our Blessed Mother and wholeheartedly trust in the last words we hear from her in the Bible: "Do whatever he tells you". Amen.

John Humphries.



2025 DONATION ENVELOPES

The assigned 2025 donation envelopes will be available for pickup in the narthex until the end of January. You can also contact the office to pickup your envelopes during the week.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring **Salsa Dance Classes** in the parish hall from 6-7 pm beginning Jan 10th until March 7 on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the months.

Join other fellow parishioners to have a fun and relaxing time learning basic steps of Salsa. Please register with Luis Santalla at: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca There is a suggested \$20.00 donation towards Youth Ministry Programs.

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Kindergarten registration has begun in all York Catholic schools for the 2025-2026 school term. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information visit the YCDSB website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

**Jubilee of Youth
2025**



Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), to join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a lifetime! We will be

embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.

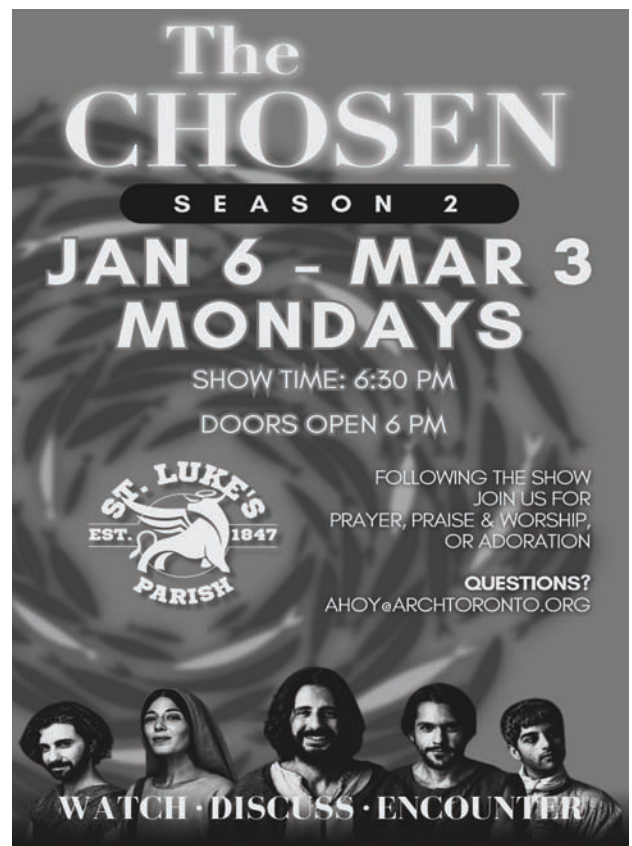


TUNA CASSEROLE PROGRAM – 2025

We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Luke's for their generosity in supporting the Tuna Casserole Program in 2024.

If you would like to participate in the Good Shepherd Tuna Casserole Program, please contact Debbie Araujo at 674-884-3744 or Margaret Hanley at 905-881-1837. They will happily enrol you in the program.

Good Shepherd Ministries also accepts gently used **men's** clothing & toiletries which you are welcome to drop off at the parish. **Men's** clothing only please.



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