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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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Children & Dates of Births:

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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



Luke 5, 1-11

By human standards, the command Jesus made to Simon Peter: “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for catch,” was as foolish as Simon’s acceptance of the instruction. Fish only come to the surface for food at nighttime – during daylight they remain on the bottom of the sea, so a haul was highly unlikely. Yet something in Jesus must have struck a chord in Simon’s heart, which prompted him, against his better judgment, to obey. The outcome surpassed his wildest dreams. His faith and perseverance were rewarded with a bumper catch. Peter took a risk, and as a result realized he was in the presence of someone who was more than a man. His reaction was to get down on his knees and say, “Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.” Ignoring the remark about being a sinner, Jesus invited Peter and his friends to abandon their boats and nets and join him in his mission, his new venture to seek out and save the lost. Without a second thought, they set off on a vocation that would bring them to a way of life beyond their expectations and desires.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 10 - 14th

Monday	Soul of Jeff Smith
Tuesday	Soul of Bill Meyers Soul of Philomena & Vincent D’Souza Soul of Michael Havery Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Mass of Thanksgiving – Francis & Sara Mathews
Wednesday	Soul of Nolito Reyes
Thursday	Soul of Rosa Loong
Friday	Intentions of Joan Smith

Jesus, I Trust In You

Our family recently welcomed a temporary new member. Her name is Winnie, a British Bulldog and we are looking after her while my brother is on vacation. She is a sweet dog and brings a lot of peace to our house. She sleeps most of the day yet despite her propensity to nap I feel a close connection with her.

I have been reflecting on how I can feel so much love for a dog who does very little and sleeps 95% of the time. I think there a variety of factors but I think a big part of it is her docility. She fully trusts that I will provide for her and waits patiently for her meals, walks and cuddles. She never begs and her complete reliance on me draws me closer to her.

In the faith life, we are called as Catholics to pray for docility. To be in complete trust that God loves us and will provide. Fully trusting in a God that is beyond our senses is a difficult and something most of us struggle with. We make contingency plans just in case God doesn’t come through. I remember chatting with a friend who is a member of a religious order and sharing how liberating it must be to live out the vow of poverty. He laughed and commented that he only wished this were fully the case.

In the scriptures this weekend, we encounter someone else who struggled with the virtue of docility. We see this right from the beginning on the shores of Lake Gennesaret when Jesus was preaching and rather than listen Simon was busy washing his nets. Despite Simon’s initial reluctance Jesus takes an additional step towards him and gets into his boat asking him to put out a little way from the shore. Simon cooperates and anchors the boat out from the shore whereby Jesus continues speaking to the people.

After the Word comes Sacrament and once again Jesus’ invites Simon to assist him by taking his nets and lowering them into the deep water for a catch. Simon responds as one would respond to a boss by saying “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” We all know the result and Simon’s nets are filled to the brim with fish.

Witnessing this miracle Simon no longer calls Jesus Master but Lord, declaring his full submission and fidelity, a move of greater docility. Simon completes his surrender soon after leaving everything to follow Jesus.

In our own lives, Jesus continues to come to us and invites us to greater docility and a share in his ministry. Step by step He seeks to move from being Our Master to Our Lord. To Winnie I am master but at a deeper level I desire to be Lord. If this is true between man and best friend how much more is it true between God and crowning creation.

John Humphries.

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, Aileen Simone Crean and Ann Bozabalian

**INTERFAITH GATHERING FOR PEACE:
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St. Luke's Catholic Church

Sunday, February 23RD,

2:00 – 4:00 PM

St. Luke's is hosting an Interfaith Gathering for Peace on behalf of the Toronto Catholic Diocese & Mosaic Interfaith. Join us in marking the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate ('In Our Time') as we recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems, and preoccupations. Refreshments and fellowship following in the church hall. Please see flyer for registration.



CLEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Sunday, February 9, 2025 @ 2:30 pm

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond Street, Toronto

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2025** celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60+) in 2025.

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One Body, Many Parts

Thornhill Ministerial

Lenten Series 2025

Sundays at 4:00 pm

March 9, March 23 & April 6

March 9 – **Unity of the Body**

Thornhill Baptist Church, 8018 Yonge Street

Speaker: the Rev Maria Ling

March 23 – **The Diversity of the Body**

Thornhill United Church, 25 Elgin Street

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

April 6 – **The Work of the Body**

St. Luke's RC Church, 39 Green Lane

Speaker: The Rev. Mini Choi



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Luke's Council 4393

Upcoming Events

Salsa dance classes have begun in the parish hall from 6-7 pm on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month until March 7. Please register with Luis Santalla at: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

Feb 8th & 9th – this weekend – Recycle Cans & Bottle collection

Feb 22nd – Saturday evening – Winter Social Dance

Feb 23rd – Sunday – 10:30 mass – Blessing of New Members followed by a reception in the hall.

March 15th – Saturday - Men's retreat – Parish Hall

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