

# 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.

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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



The woman in the **Lost Coin** parable represents each of us searching for our lost humanity. The lost coin represents our heart and soul, which can only be discovered within our very own person by shining the light of Christ into our deepest depths. What is emphasized in the **Lost Sheep** is the intensity of joy in the heart of God at the return of a single soul that has been separated from him. Time spent searching is not wasted but very much worthwhile. Each of us is important and each of us counts. The Lord's wish is that every sinner should be saved, for in his home there is room for all. The final story about the **Prodigal Son** contains a compelling message of forgiveness that goes to the hearts of parents who know very well this heart-wrenching experience in their own lives. The problem of wayward children and heartbroken parents has not changed much down the centuries. The good life is enjoyable until things start to fall apart; then emptiness, disillusionment and frustration set in. God lets us make our mistakes and learn our lessons but his mercy, compassion and forgiveness is always on the horizon watching and awaiting our return.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**September 14 – September 19**

Monday	Soul of <b>Douglas Hendricks</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Marika Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Sandra Cordeiro</b> Soul of <b>Celine D'Souza</b> Soul of <b>Malcom Gomes</b> Intentions of <b>Angelica D'Souza</b>
Wednesday	Intentions of <b>Gino DeLuca</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Michael McCloskey and Catherine Lee Sing</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Stephen Murphy</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***  
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

**Pointing the Finger**

My family rented a cottage this summer and had a great time. It was so nice to be away and spend some quiet time together. The cottage we rented was in disrepair in a number of ways: old furniture, broken doors and missing items etc. but we accepted these as part of its charm.

When our stay was over, we left the cottage in immaculate condition as we always try to do. A few hours on our way, we received a message from the owners and expected it to be a note of thanks but much to our surprise it wasn't. Instead, it was a note accusing us of dishonesty listing how much we owed in damages. We were shocked to see they were asking us to pay for repairs to an old chair, screens and dining table imperfections. All items from our perspective were far past their best before dates and the damages were caused as a result of normal use not negligence.

We explained this to the owners and accused them of dishonesty for attempting to get us to pay for items in need of replacement. The accusations continued to fly and eventually they accepted it was not our responsibility to pay. Despite this small victory, the initial accusation tainted the wonderful cottage experience and left us feeling wounded. Not only because of their accusations but because of our own.

Reflecting on the experience, the wisdom of an exorcist came to mind. He shared that one of the goals of the evil one is to accuse and one definition of the name Satan is Accuser. He describes how the devil deceives us and then through the deception brings division which leads us to divert from the path with Jesus and ultimately leads to our destruction. Rather than peacefully dealing with the situation in a Christ-centered way we both resorted to accusations. Through our accusations, we became divided and diverted from the path with Jesus, which would have led to reconciliation and took the path of destruction, a ruptured relationship.

Thanks to our faith and recognizing this destructive pattern my wife and I chose not to leave a negative review on the owner's website and perpetuate the cycle of violence. Since this happened as a family we try to be more aware of accusations and the destructive power they have. When we begin to point a finger, we try bringing to mind who may be motivating us to do so.

It's interesting that in the middle of the battle while I was praying Jesus invited me to respond with love and not more accusations. Unfortunately, I ignored his invitation as my pride got in the way, and I had to prove I was right. It is said that in the Divine Courtroom it will be Jesus' Blood proving us right as we all sit in silence.

John Humphries.

## **SL ShareLife**

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### **HOLY LAND WOOD ART**



The past few years have been extremely hard for the Christian community of Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus – due to declining tourism.

Selling handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area is the main income for the community.

Some Christians have fled the Holy Land and the absence of a

living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy sites such as the Church of the Nativity.

We are pleased to welcome Jenny from Holy Land Art at the parish the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

She will be in the parish with beautiful rosaries, bracelets, carved items and many gift ideas for sale.

Thank you for your support.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP WEEKEND**

For all who have been asking, the SVDP trailer will be in our parking lot the weekend of November 1/2<sup>nd</sup>. A little later than usual this fall!



### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

The month of September is dedicated to our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be praying the Chaplet of the Sorrows of Mary and the Litany of Our Lady of Sorrows before mass on Monday morning September 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.



### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE OCT 4/5<sup>TH</sup> & OCT 11/12<sup>TH</sup> WEEKENDS**

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church the first two weekends in October.

**Correction!** Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Richmond Hill Food Bank.** **THANK YOU!**

### **FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR**

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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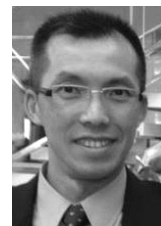


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