

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.

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

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

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Address Postal Code.....

Children & Dates of Births:

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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



The first Sunday of Advent is upon us again and another year begins with the story of the coming of the Lord. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on the longing and hope within the hearts of the Jewish people for the arrival of the Messiah and Saviour. The birth of Jesus, which on the surface seemed an ordinary occurrence, was an event so far beyond expectation and belief that the Israelites needed a long period of preparation for it. During that time, God sent many messengers and prophets to instruct, guide, encourage and chastise his chosen people, and at last, when the time was ready, the Almighty sent his Son into the world. Nothing like it ever happened before and nothing like it will ever happen again until Christ returns in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS **December 1 - 5**

Monday	Mass of thanksgiving – Rose Barton
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Virginia Gorrizan Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall Intentions of Fiona Ildefonso Intentions of Roderick Ildefonso Intentions of Angelica D'Souza
Wednesday	Soul of Leo Ceolin
Thursday	Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall
Friday	Soul of Romulo Tibor

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

ShareLife

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Our 2025 parish goal - \$174,000.00

Donations received to date: \$130,106.94

We ask you to share your blessings at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, stlukesth@archtoronto.org or at sharelife.org/donate.

The Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 4393

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – November 10 to December 15th.

1. Poster must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas".
2. Each poster should be original work including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images
3. Poster should be 11x17" in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

Coats for Kids – online donations at
<https://ontariokofc.ca/community-pillar-coats-for-kids/>

General Meeting – December 10th at 6:30 in the upstairs meeting room. New members are always welcome.



Youth Christmas Choir

Students in grades 2-12 are invited to sing in the Youth Choir for the Advent concert and Christmas Eve mass. Choir practice has started and more information can be found at bit.ly/43tUfkH or you can scan the following:





St. Vincent De Paul **Christmas Baskets**

As we prepare to enter the Christmas 2025 season and face the end of another challenging year for so many, we are reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex and pew pockets for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 7th with distribution of gift cards to our needy families during that week. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

** Please make all cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

** Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul.



St. Luke's CHOIR CONCERT **SATURDAY DEC 6 - 7:00 PM**

Once again, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season as only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs (yes the kids are included) of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The concert is free but a

basket will be available for a free will offering. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Hope to see you all there!



SAVE THE DATE! **Catholic Women's** **League**

ADVENT RETREAT

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners, families & friends to an **Advent Retreat** lead by Fr. Janil

Joseph Chakkiath, Vice Rector at St. Augustine's Seminary on Saturday, December 6th. The retreat will begin with First Saturday mass at 9:00 am celebrated by Fr. Janil followed by the retreat in the parish hall until 1:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex, as breakfast will be served.



Join us Friday morning December 5th at 9:30 am for Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

Join us for 1st Saturday mass December 6th at 9:00 am as we celebrate Our Mother Mary.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Advent will be celebrated at the parish on Tuesday December 16th from 7:30-8:00 pm and Wednesday December 17st from 9:30-10:00 am.

OUR PILGRIMS HAVE RETURNED **FROM ITALY!**



Special thanks to Fr. Sávio, Bernardine, Flaviana, Theresa, International Heritage Tours & our tour guides Chris & Joe, our coach drivers Alessio & Benito and all the local guides that provided a wealth of information in each city we visited. We have memories to last a lifetime!

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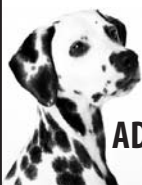
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