

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

Name Phone.....

Address Postal Code.....

Children & Dates of Births:

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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



John the Baptist is an intriguing and challenging character. Unlike Jesus, who had a normal family upbringing, John left home while still a youth and went to live a hermit's life of lonely austerity in the desert. There he was summoned by the Spirit to prepare a people, making them ready for the coming of the Lord. His trademark was repentance for the forgiveness of sins. His fiery message had an irresistible fascination and struck a chord that resounded through the whole countryside. He spoke powerfully to the sinful hearts of people who had turned from God and warned them that the time of judgement was near at hand. Many were convinced by his preaching, acknowledged their sinfulness and as a sign of their sincerity underwent a ritual cleansing in the water of the Jordan. John the Baptist was a humble man who spoke the truth but did not glorify himself. According to his own words, he was merely a messenger preparing the way for 'Someone who is more powerful than I am and whose sandals' straps I am not fit to undo.'

MASS INTENTIONS

December 15 - 19

Monday	Soul of Lina, Peter & Ivan Soares
Tuesday	Soul of Peter & Hanna Harrington Soul of John & Briget Gallagher Soul of Julian Peñoso Sr., Evelyn Aldea & Dexter Sarmiento Mass of Thanksgiving for Graces & Blessings – The Navaratnam Family Intentions of Jessie Schmoll
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – The Honesto Pena Family
Thursday	Soul of Brenda Kelly & Jennifer Gordon
Friday	Intentions of Angelica D'Souza

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

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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/>



Youth Christmas Choir

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



DONATE AND SAVE!

A quick reminder that the tax deductible deadline for 2025 is almost here. Donations **must be received** at the parish by December 31st for donations to be included in your 2025 tax receipt.



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.

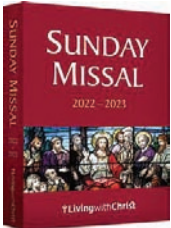


2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

The assigned 2026 donation envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. You can also contact the office to pickup during the week or

to arrange for envelopes to be assigned to you.

SUNDAY MISSAL



There are a few 2025-2026 Sunday Missals left. Please see Lois or contact the office to purchase a copy for \$8.00.



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Children's Christmas Eve Family Mass **Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 4:00 pm**

Children from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the children's choir and perform in the pageant for the family mass on Christmas Eve. This very special event enables the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season. All abilities are most welcome. The choir and pageant will hold rehearsals on Sunday afternoons in the lounge beginning at 1:00pm. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS 2025 **MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 pm – Family Mass

(Including children's choir & pageant)

8:00 pm, 12:00 midnight

The 8:00 pm mass will be livestreamed.

*** Our choirs will welcome parishioners
½ hour before each Mass on Christmas Eve*

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

10:30 am & 12:15 pm

The 10:30 am mass will be livestreamed.

Boxing Day – Friday, 26th

9:00 am

NEW YEAR **MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, December 31st

5:00 pm

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1st

10:30 am & 12:15 pm

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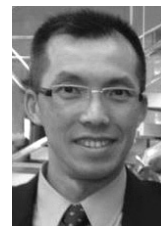
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