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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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Address	Postal Code
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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The Samaritan Woman at the Well

The Gospel reading today tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time. First, she is a woman. Secondly, she is a Samaritan. In addition, she has had five husbands—*five* husbands!—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of today, this sort of history would make people look skeptically at her. In her village, she is undoubtedly a shamed person. However, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help. But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

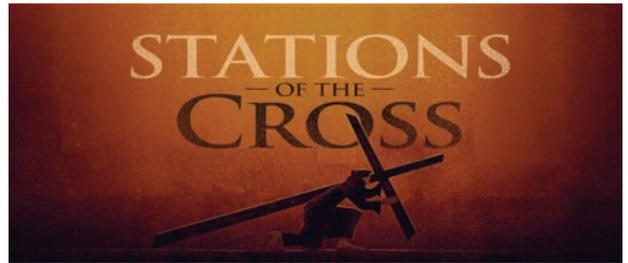
Then look at how the story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She isn't worthless then, is she? On the contrary, because of Jesus, she takes her rightful place among the villagers. The evangelization of the whole village is *her* accomplishment. When Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle of her village. The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here.

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



**Knights of Columbus –
 St. Luke's Counsel 4393
 Upcoming Events**

March 7/8th - Book Collection – Narthex
 Mar 14-Apr 17th – Easter Children's Drawing Contest



Join us each Friday morning during Lent, immediately following mass for The Stations of the Cross, a devotional journey through the last hours of Jesus' life.
 March 13, 20, 27

During Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30 until 11:45 and Tuesday evening following mass until 8:45 pm.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 EASTER FOOD DRIVE
March 14/15 and March 21/22**

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink.....” (Matthew 25:35).

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food, etc.) to the parish **March 14/15 & March 21/22.**

You are also welcome to make financial contributions.

Please make your cheque payable to:

Georgina Community Food Pantry.

Every month the Georgina Community Food Pantry distributes around 400 hampers of food, helping an average of 1000 people. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 9 - 13

Monday	Intentions of Jasper Emmanuel Howard
Tuesday	Soul of Sheila & Kathleen Gallivan Soul of Jin Zheng Soul of Joan Lookhong Soul of Deacon Dominic Pullano Intentions of Jessie Schmoll
Wednesday	Intentions of Anthony Beltrano & Family
Thursday	Soul of Bernard D'Souza
Friday	Intentions of Angelina D'Souza

Thornhill Ministerial
Lenten Series 2026

Facing Change

Sunday March 8 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Challenges of Change

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
140 Brooke Street
Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

Sunday March 22 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Joys of Change

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
39 Green Lane
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais



When You Pray:

A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* at St. Luke's Parish beginning **March 12, 2026**, from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**, and continuing **bi-weekly every Thursday until June 4, 2026**. To register visit <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym> or more information, see the Stay Connected Board by the Welcome Desk, or contact Bernadine by email at Bernadine@laycarmelites.ca.

The 2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

will take place on Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. It is not just for adults or youth, but families are welcome to attend together for a day of motivating talks, inspiring testimonies, Eucharistic Adoration, and powerful praise & worship. Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at www.ljhr.ca

Cost: \$49 for Adults and \$25 for Youth.
For Bus transportation (\$10 per adult, \$5 per youth) from St Luke's church to Metro Convention Centre and return, please contact Krishna Shanthakumar at Ext. 233 or Fletcher Pereira at stlukesljhr@gmail.com

SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community
through Catholic agencies

Our 2026 parish goal - \$155,000

Through ShareLife, you ensured Tyler did not face his hardships alone.

When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charites agency, he was withdrawn and guarded – reluctant to open up. Slowly with support, he began to share the weight he carried, the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his life. Over time Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles and take steps toward healing. Today he says counselling has become something he looks forward to – even when it's hard – because it is helping him grow.

Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting. You can donate at the parish using a ShareLife envelope located in the pew pockets or on the information table or online through our parish website or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the gospel!



CWL – ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

LET GO ... LET GOD

Saturday, March 21, 2026
Parish Hall

9 am – 2 pm with

Rev. Yohanes Yuliwan SCJ

Includes mass & adoration

Light breakfast & lunch will be served
All are welcome. Please register on the flip chart in the narthex.



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