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

PARISH SCHOOLS:	St. Anthony's 141 Kirk Dr. Thornhill 905-889-7420	St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke 135 Green Lane Thornhill 905-881-2300	St. Robert C.H.S. 8101 Leslie St. Thornhill 905-889-4982	Saint John Paul II 155 Red Maple Rd. Richmond Hill L4B 4P9 905-709-3134/709-3136

For more information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the York Catholic District School Board at 905-713-2711 or www.ycdsb.ca

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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Liturgical year, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. Today's gospel reading presents us with the image of the judgement, an image based on our love and care for others, especially for those who have the most needs. It teaches us that all human beings are equal, and that He will show love to those who have shown love in this world. As we worship our God in this celebration, we recognize our worth as human beings and we rejoice in our call to become signs of God's goodness and love!
The kingship of Christ is made real by allowing God to do his work in us and through us. It is a life-long process involving a daily invitation to conversion. He calls us, who are his subjects, to take his side in the struggle of furthering the growth of his kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 23 – 27

Monday	Soul of **Nolito Reyes**
Tuesday	Soul of **Tom Schmoll** Soul of **Francis Li-Szi Hin** Soul of **Antoinette Caruso** Deceased members of **the Navaratnam & Rajasingham Families** Intentions of **Mariella Jemima D'Souza**
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving – **the Tibor Family**
Thursday	Soul of **Marlene Gloria Sorrenti**
Friday	Soul of **Teresa Yuk Yin Kong**

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Joan Smith, Donna MacLaughlin and Sussi Michaelangelo**

Naked Without Shame

Recently, a friend shared a painful personal struggle with me. For over three years, he had been secretly gambling on sporting events without his wife's knowledge. When she eventually checked his online account, she was shocked by the steady, heavy losses. When confronted about how long he had been betting and how much he had spent, he lied out of sheer embarrassment, claiming it was only about $500 a month over the past year when in reality, his habit spanned three and a half years and cost nearly $25,000.

This deception has brought deep suffering and broken trust into their marriage. Today, my friend carries immense shame, viewing himself in a negative light because he lost control over his addiction and wounded the person he loves most.

His story reveals the deceptive nature of sin in our lives. In the beginning, God created everything good. Made in His image and likeness, we are His beloved, adopted children. Like any loving Father, God desires for us to flourish—to become what St. Irenaeus famously called "a human being fully alive."

The enemy, however, seeks to destroy God's crowning creation. Because God respects our free will—the capacity to truly choose love—He permits us to face temptation. Since the devil cannot create anything new, he works by distorting good things, tempting us to misuse God's gifts. Sports, recreation, and money are good in themselves, yet through temptation, they can become enslaving idols that fracture our relationships and rob us of peace.

When we give in to temptation and recognize our sin, a heavy guilt sets in. Too often, we allow that healthy conviction of conscience to curdle into toxic shame. We begin to despise ourselves, lose hope, and doubt that God could still love us after what we have done. Forgetting that the Father's love is unconditional and we are loved to the core regardless of our actions we fall into the oldest trap in human history: just like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, we hide. Instead of running to God and our neighbour in humility to ask for mercy, we cover our tracks with lies and denial to protect our pride and avoid further exposure.

Yet, the Catholic faith reminds us that sin never has the final word. Shame isolates us in the darkness, while grace invites us into the light. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, honest contrition, and seeking real support, God meets us not with condemnation, but with healing mercy. When we stop hiding and bring our brokenness to the Lord, He restores our dignity, begins the work of rebuilding broken trust, and sets us free to live fully alive once more.

John Humphries.

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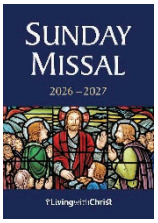

SUNDAY MISSAL

The 2026-2027 Sunday Missal is available to purchase for $8.00. See Lois in the narthex after each mass or visit the parish office during the week.



Youth Christmas Choir

Students in grades 2-12 are encouraged to sing in the Youth Choir for the Advent concert and Christmas Eve mass. Choir practice has begun and continues on Sundays until December 20. More information can be found at https://bit.ly/4e2Zzkn or you can scan the following:

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Baskets

As we prepare to enter the 2026 Christmas season and another challenging year for so many, we are constantly reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing food cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season.

Please make cheques payable to: St. Vincent de Paul.

Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 6th.

Thank you for your continued support.

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



St. Luke's CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 5th - 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 four 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.



ALL SOULS

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members & friends on the All Souls envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Place the envelope in the basket at the altar for rememberance prayers at every mass in November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393 invites all parishioners to join them to support their ***COATS FOR KIDS*** campaign.

Your **on-line financial donation** enables the Knights of Columbus to purchase warm winter clothing for children in need. For more information & to make your on-line donation go to https://ontariokofc.ca/coats-for-kids/

SAVE THE DATE!

Catholic Women's League

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 12th beginning with Mass at 9:00 am.

"THE DOORS OF ADVENT"

Led by Sr. Francis Bisland

Please sign up in the narthex.



St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

This weekend Frank D'Angelo is in the narthex distributing baby bottles for your donations to the St. Joseph Centre of Hope for Women Campaign. Thank you for your support.

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