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

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

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Children & Dates of Births: . . . . . .
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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

First Sunday in Advent



As a religious season, **Advent** has many themes and distinctive qualities. It speaks of darkness and light, despair and hope, anxiety and joy, waiting and arrival. Isaiah is the prophet of Advent and he conveys to us in the first reading Israel's long wait for the coming of the Messiah. This is a lament and a profound plea for help, which was slow in coming.

While in exile, the people's constant prayer was that the Lord would break the heavens open and come down to save them. The celebration of Christ's entry into our world on the first Christmas Day was the fulfillment of that promise. The arrival of Christ in our midst after a long period of anxious waiting is reason enough to feel hopeful, as it is a sure guarantee that he will come again. The gospel encourages us to keep this in view, with its stern and direct message to make a conscious effort to ready ourselves for the coming of the day of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS
November 30 – December 4

Monday	Soul of **George V. Pinto**
Tuesday	Soul of **Marika Schmoll** Soul of **John & Bridget Gallagher** Soul of **Harry Wing-Ming Lee** Intentions of **Star Sabga** Intentions of **Genevieve & Domenic Hadeed**
Wednesday	Soul of **Leo Ceolin**
Thursday	Soul of **Stephen Chua Yong Liang**
Friday	Soul of **Nolito Reyes**

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**

ShareLife
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Our 2026 parish goal - $155,000

Raised to date – $156,509.12

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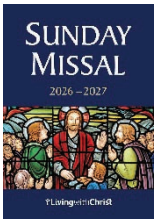
To assist ShareLife reach their goal, an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations received between November 2 until year-end - up to a total of $500,000.00!

Thank you for living the gospel!



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.



Children's Christmas Eve Family Mass
Thursday, December 24, 2026 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 & sanctuary. Thank you!



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.

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.

Good Shepherd Casserole Program

Mathew in Chapter 25 quoted Jesus as having said ***"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink……whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for Me".***
While we have seen a decline in the number of casseroles donated in 2026, we know what is possible! We encourage everyone to either make the tuna casserole or donate a store bought prepared casserole or lasagna.
Our goal is to help feed the homeless and those in need out of the Good Shepherd Centre in downtown Toronto.
If you would like to contribute or donate to this program, please contact Debbie Araujo at 647-884-3744, or Margaret Hanley at 905-881-1837 for further information.

Thank you for supporting this important Ministry.
Casseroles are due next weekend.

SAVE THE DATE!
Catholic Women's League
ADVENT RETREAT
Saturday, December 12th beginning with Mass at 9:00 am.
See details & sign up sheet in the narthex.

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/

The Knights of Columbus
St. Luke's Council 4393
Keep Christ in Christmas
Poster Contest

December 1st, 2026 to January 3, 2027
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 is used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.



St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

This weekend you can begin returning the baby bottles filled with your donations. See Lois in the narthex where the collection bin will be located.



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Advent will be celebrated at the parish on Tuesday evening December 15th from 7:30-8:00 pm and Wednesday morning December 16st from 9:30-10:00 am.

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