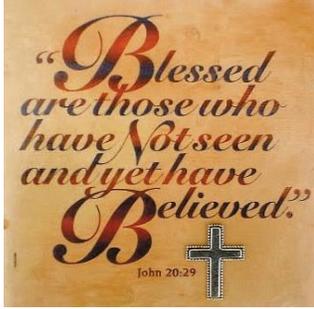


Welcome to the Table



The phrase, ‘a doubting Thomas’ is part of our everyday language but although we may judge him harshly, by getting the proof he sought, Thomas has done us all a favour. The faith asked of him was more demanding than the faith of those who had actually encountered the Risen Lord. Thomas stands for all those who have not seen the Lord yet are called to believe in him on the witnesses of others. This gospel builds a bridge between those disciples who were present on Easter evening and saw Jesus and those like ourselves who have not seen him. While we have no physical presence of Jesus, nevertheless our understanding of him is kept alive, linked through time and a great chain of faith that goes back to the apostles who were commissioned to share their faith with others.

Favour with God does not come through seeing, but in trusting the words of the apostles.

We warmly welcome the families and the children who are receiving their First Communion this weekend. What a joy for them to participate fully in the sacrificial offering of Jesus as we gather round the Lord’s Table, consuming for the first time what they help to consecrate as the Mystical Body of Christ. The children also come to more fully realize their sacrificial identity as we place ourselves and our broken hearts with Jesus on the altar as an offering to God.

The Eucharist is a mystery indeed, the source and summit of the Christian life. Simple enough for a child to comprehend yet the most brilliant minds can never plumb its depths. At its heart, it is an exchange of gifts, an offering of bread and wine to God in thanksgiving for God’s providence and in reparation for sin.

They say a picture or in this case, a gift says a thousand words and the works of our hands embody our heartfelt desire to be one with God just as the grains of wheat become one in the bread and the grapes become one in the wine.

Our gifts and our own bodies are offered up to God by the priest and by us, the Mystical Body in union with Jesus whose Holy Spirit acts through the person of the priest and the community in consecrating the bread, wine, and us into Jesus’ Body and Blood. The separate consecrations of the bread and wine represent our entry into Christ’s death as his blood was separated from his body on the cross. Since we are united to Jesus in the consecration, we too die with him on the altar seeking new life.

We receive this new life from God as he accepts our transformed gifts and returns them to us for our nourishment and sanctification. Renewed by these gifts we experience Christ’s Resurrection as we rise from our knees after singing the Great Amen and participate in the Communion Rite. We are then sent to be Christ’s Body and Blood to all we encounter as we leave the church and return to the world continuing Christ’s mission.

Our participation in the Mass is a continuation of the liturgy commenced by Jesus at the Last Supper and continues until Christ comes again on the last day. What a blessing it is to think that we are participating in the same liturgy commenced by Jesus more than 2000 years ago.

Let us rejoice as we gather with the First Communicants around the table with the entire community and with our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, with Our Blessed Mother and the angels and the saints as we exchange these sacred gifts with God. For this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. *John Humphries*



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Laima O’Sullivan**

- Tuesday Souls of **Manuel & Deolinda Araujo**
Soul of **Nelson Gravo**
Soul of **Mary Tissanayagam**
Soul of **Laima O’Sullivan**
Soul of **Hans Pressler**

- Wednesday Soul of **Audrey MacEachern**

- Thursday Soul of **Bryan Hopper**

- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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PARISH NEWS



CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

St. Luke's invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, April 30th** during the **7:00 p.m. Mass**.

Please join us in honouring Mary our Mother in a very special way. We will have a procession with flowers and Marian Hymns during the Mass.

Make this annual event part of your devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome! Bring the children!



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

For the month of May, the statue of Mary is available for display in your home. The rosary can then be recited by family and friends.

Throughout the month, the statue will travel to other homes. The sign up schedule is available in the narthex. On May 31st, the statue will return to the church where we will gather at 7:00pm to pray the rosary as a community.

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through Catholic agencies*

2019 PARISH GOAL - \$147,000.00

Collection to date - \$ 56,486.00

Thank you for continuing to support

ShareLife

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

This Sunday Catholic Churches throughout the world, will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome!

Place: St. Luke's

Date: April 28, 2019

Time: Start at 2:45 pm



Celebration will consist of prayers, the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction.

MOSAIC INTERFAITH

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND SOLIDARITY

Sunday April 28th

4:00 pm – Gather for Refreshments in Parish Hall

4:30 - 6:00 pm Service in the Church

St. Luke's Catholic Parish

This is an Interfaith Service of peace, understanding and a celebration of life – a gathering of continuous solidarity rather than a solidarity that only shows itself when tragedy strikes. If you have **any questions please contact Natalie at ext. 235 or at natalie.doucet@ rogers.com**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

A St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **May 11/12th** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods**. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, May 11th

Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393, will accept donations for The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation on Sunday, May 11th after all masses. The donations will help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children whose families cannot afford them.

For a donation of \$195.00 you will receive a beautiful certificate with a photo of the wheelchair recipient.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Knights of Columbus - 2019 Charities Lottery

April 27/28th weekend

In support of Special Olympics Ontario, The Arthritis Society and Local Charities.

Tickets for the 2019 Knights of Columbus charities lottery will be available for purchase in the Narthex.

Tickets are \$5.00 each with prizes up to \$200,000 and 500 Prizes with cumulative value of over \$500,000.