

Easter

Alleluia!! Christ is risen!! At Easter we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and our hope of eternal life. It is the height of our religious experience. "Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | Soul of Manny Batalla |
| Tuesday | Soul of Steven Huta Soul of Americo Gorizzan , Souls of Ines & Antonio Gorizzan Soul of Alcides Batista |
| Wednesday | Soul of Tammy Niemi |
| Thursday | Soul of Maria Carvalho |
| Friday | Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson |

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

**REMINDER: MORNING MASS ON
EASTER MONDAY WILL BE AT 9:00 AM**

The Resurrection Transformed Our World

If the Easter event occurred in our own day, how would the news be transmitted? We can imagine media blitzes, live interviews, and endless analysis. We would probably tire of the story, and it would soon be supplanted by something more exciting. Media can give us immediacy and a lot of "facts" but it often lacks sincerity, passion and the authenticity of one human heart speaking to another.

The story that the apostles related was as unbelievable and outrageous then as it is today for many people, and yet they succeeded. The message was short and spare – Jesus was a Spirit-filled man who was the fulfillment of ancient promises. He was anointed with power and went about doing good and healing the afflicted. Jesus' real concern was the forgiveness of sins to all who would accept Him.

How were the apostles so successful in proclaiming their message? The apostles had to relay the wonderful news of Easter by word of mouth. Their proclamation was public and they were exposed to danger in the process. It was necessary to convince skeptical people by looking them straight in the eye and speaking from the heart and soul.

The earlier bearers of the word had to live out the message they were proclaiming and also had to suffer for it. These handicaps were actually strengths as it was because of this weakness that the apostles had to rely completely on God and the power of the Spirit. This is part of the simplicity, austerity and spiritual dedication that Pope Francis has called throughout his pontificate.

The resurrection accounts were not meant to convey information but hope, joy and vision of a transformed future. The empty tomb accounts were dismissed by some people at the time as meaningless. Even the two disciples who entered the tomb did not fully comprehend what had occurred. It fell to Mary Magdalene, left alone and weeping at the tomb, to carry the shattering news to the others.

Jesus was ascending not only to his God and Father but ours too. No longer would there be separation between humans and God and hopefully no longer people. Her message as she related the story to the apostles was: "I have seen the Lord!" The intensity of that experience transformed her forever--to encounter the Risen Lord, is to never be the same again.

Christian proclamation of the Resurrection is often rather anemic, failing to convince by demeanor, attitude and way of life. Our encounter with the Lord should be written on our faces and all of our actions. Let our proclamation be face-to-face and heart-to-heart as with the apostles.

An article by Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J. The Catholic Register.

April 1, 2018



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

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

In preparation, begin the nine day home Novena on Good Friday. Copies of the Chaplet are available in the Narthex.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome!

Place: St. Luke's

Date: April 08, 2018

Time: Start at 2:45 pm



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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

6 Monday Evening Sessions 7:30 to 9:30 PM

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| April 9 | April 30 |
| April 16 | May 7 |
| April 23 | May 14 |

Registration forms are available at the Parish Lobby or visit our website: <https://stlukesstn.archtoronto.org> to print the registration form.

Please submit your completed registration in the Parish Office, or drop it in the dropbox at the Parish lobby, or email a copy to joags@rogers.com by April 1, 2018. Open to all adults 19 yrs. and above.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

APRIL 21/22 – ST. LUKE'S PARISH
HALL

Please bring any items you wish to donate to the parish hall by April 19th. If you have any questions, please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO RECITAL

Saturday April 28, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Our organist/pianist for the 10:30 and 12:15 masses is holding a recital here in the sanctuary on the above date. You and your friends and relatives will not want to miss his dazzling performance of wonderful music. **Reserved tickets** are \$17, \$22, and \$27 (not including tax) and may be purchased by:

1. Logging on to brownpapertickets.com/event3342808 and using Visa or debit to reserve your seat from the seating chart. Your ticket will be emailed or mailed to you.
2. Calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 ext.1 and telling the attendant you would like to purchase tickets for the Piano Recital by Oleg Samokhin. You can simply have your name and seat number put on a list to be confirmed when you arrive or have your ticket emailed or mailed to you.
3. Inquiries can be directed to Greg Benoit after the Sunday masses or by calling him at 647-296-6851 or emailing him at greg.benoit@rogers.com
4. A considerable portion of the proceeds will be donated back by Oleg to our Parish for use where most needed.

Share...Life!

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

HAPPY EASTER!