



The Thomas episode in the gospel challenges us to confront our fears and to let the Risen Christ take root in our hearts. The joy, the happiness and the contentment that Christ shares with us is something inward and involves being at peace with ourselves, and in harmony with the community. As Catholics we proclaim the resurrection by reaching out in service to the disadvantaged in our midst. Christ has the power to enter the doors of our hearts in the way he entered the Upper Room long ago. The experience of the Risen Christ is to be found in the community that shares his love. It is evident in the way we visit our sick, support our aged and comfort the bereaved in their grief and loss. Through the Easter mysteries God has given us birth into a new way of life, with the grace and power of his Son at work within us. Today is an occasion to express our gratitude to God for the heavenly inheritance, which is ours, and to recommit ourselves to each other as an Easter people.



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Claire Roller</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Joaquim Fernandes, Tammy Niemi, Pamela Papa-Pacla</b>
Wednesday	For the Intention of <b>Jim &amp; Cathy Laframboise</b>
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Departed Soul

### PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

## WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE IN US

On Ash Wednesday we sang “Change our Hearts”. Now in the weeks after Easter we might ask ourselves what has changed and what has still to change. The following is a reflection by Joan Chittister on change.

*Outward changes such as a change of jobs, houses, relationships, or lifestyles are mostly superficial changes. Real change is far deeper than that. It is changing the way we look at life that is the stuff of conversion. Metanoia, conversion, is an ancient concept that is embedded in the monastic worldview. Early seekers went to the desert to escape the spiritual aridity of the cities - to flee from the world so as to concentrate on things of God.*

*We do not need to leave where we are in order to concentrate on the things of God. Flight from the world is not about leaving any specific location. It is about shedding one set of attitudes, one kind of consciousness for another. We simply have to be where we are with a different state of mind. We have to be in the office with the good of the whole world in mind. We have to be on the corporate board with the public at heart. We have to be in the home in a way that has more to do with development than with control.*

*What needs to be changed in us? Anything that makes us the sole centre of ourselves. Anything that deludes us into thinking that we are not simply a work in progress, all those degrees, status, achievements and power are no substitute for the wisdom that a world full of God everywhere, in everyone, has to teach us.*

*A schedule of religious events and practices is not enough. We must begin to do life, to be with people, to accept circumstances, to bring good to evil in ways that speak of the presence of God in every moment.*

The Liturgy of Holy Week invites us to realize that believing in the Paschal mystery, of life coming through and by means of death is the very heart of our faith and the way we live grows out of this belief. It is the death of *one set of attitudes, on kind of consciousness for another* to live in the present – in the complicated and messy world with a single mindedness that searches for and longs to live in God’s ways, to focus on life here on earth. We are called to live fully in the world – to be God’s presence in the world - to make God’s presence visible in our world.

*Natalie Doucet*

April 23, 2017

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

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

Come and join us – everyone is welcome!

**Place:** St. Luke's

**Time:** Start at 2:45 pm

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

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** is the first Friday of the month and we will be having a one hour Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30pm. Come spend one hour with Jesus.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

“Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** (last Sunday of the month). Thank you for your continued support.

## OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO RECITAL

**Saturday April 29, 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/event2893620](http://brownpapertickets.com/event2893620) 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
4. 647-296-6851 or emailing him at [greg.benoit@rogers.com](mailto:greg.benoit@rogers.com)
5. A considerable portion of the proceeds will be donated back by Oleg to our Parish for use where most needed.

## CAR DRAW LOTTERY TICKETS

*The Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council, will be selling tickets at the back of the church this weekend after every mass for a **car draw**. The proceeds will go to the Arthritis Society of Canada.*



## **BUNDLE UP for SAINT VINCENT de PAUL**

*A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of May 13/14 to collect **household linens, gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, draperies, small household goods and new toys** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. **N.B. We do not accept books, videos, furniture, dishes or appliances. THANK YOU!!!***

## **ALL ARE INVITED**

*The Catholic Women's League Blessed Trinity Council, is pleased to extend an invitation to a special evening with Sr. Sue Mosteller. **HOPE AND RESTORATION 'THE PRODIGAL SON'** to be held on **Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Blessed Trinity Church 3220 Bayview Ave. North York. A Donation of \$10 is appreciated. Contact: Kay Booker 416-357-5378***

## **Share...Life!**

*Tim and Donna met 25 years ago and have made the social nights at Our Place a regular part of their lives. Their intellectual capacity is somewhat limited but they do maintain their own independent apartments. While Tim is currently caring for his aging mother, Donna is able to support Tim by cooking meals and offering caring attention. As Tim overcomes some social shyness in his own life, he also takes care of some of Donna's daily needs with household chores, and computer skills. The support role ShareLife plays enables Our Place to be a caring partner to these vulnerable people.*

**Next ShareLife is Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**