

THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

HE IS RISEN!! The Gospel reading on this glorious Easter Sunday draws our attention to the empty tomb as the sign of Jesus' resurrection to life. The feast of Easter is the confirmation of our faith which is deeply rooted and finds its real meaning in the resurrection of Jesus. It is also for us the feast of hope which tells us that what happened to Jesus will happen to us too. We too will rise one day with him. Let us live the joy of Easter with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we proclaim ALLELUIA!! HE IS RISEN!!!!



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Nellie Parker
Tuesday	Souls of Herminigilda Penoso, Dexter Sarmiento, Bruno Ciarlo, Shelly Lewis Hood, Therese Beauchamp
Wednesday	Soul of Gord McMahon
Thursday	Soul of Ursula Reid
Friday	Soul of Eric Dewey

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

THE TOMB IS EMPTY. HE LIVES!

"Do not be afraid, He has risen, just as he said." (Matt. 28:5-8)

Easter morning and the light and love of Christ is alive and bursting with new life in the hearts of all believers who allow themselves to be embraced by this life changing experience. I am happy to have witnessed this transformation taking place in the hearts of our Elects as they culminated their long journey to initiation in the waters of Baptism, were sealed with the oil of Confirmation and shared the bread and wine of the Eucharist as full members of our Catholic community. The Love of Christ received on Easter morning can be a bold and exuberant Love or a Love that is gentle and subtle. It's a love that calls Mary at the empty tomb by name; a love that called each of our Elects by name; a gentle love whispered in the heart of everyone who invites the Light to enter.

Over the past seven months we the Parish of St. Luke's have been richly blessed by the presence and the experience of the Catechumenate. In September, twenty adults were welcomed into the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. These candidates felt called by God to explore and enhance their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is not a program that begins and finishes. No, it is a process of one's faith journey. It is the unfolding of God's sacred plan for us; from here to eternity.

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed these men and women, into our parish community. The Catechumenate process recognizes that conversion to Jesus and membership in the Church is still a radical step. It demands courage to "die" to old ways. Old ideas and priorities are reevaluated. Things that did not seem important at first take on new meaning. Its purpose, however, is conversion - a "Journey of Mind, Heart and Spirit".

The entry of a new member into the Church is cause for rejoicing for the whole community; and so we congratulate our new members. In seeing the amazing faith that these Catechumens have expressed, our own faith has been renewed and strengthened. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and

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passionate dedication over the past seven months. We offer them our thanks and our admiration, and we pray for them as they begin this new phase of their spiritual journey.

The Church teaches that the resurrection is to be integrated into the whole fabric of life. If we go into our hearts, to that place of repentance and love, Christ will meet us with the words, "Rejoice! Do not be afraid! I am with you always!"

Happy Easter!

Antoinette Agostinelli



PLEASE REMEMBER

Morning Mass will begin at 9:00 am Easter Monday, April 17, 2017. The office will be closed.

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

Date: April 23, 2017

Time: Start at 2:45 pm

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

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 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
5. A considerable portion of the proceeds will be donated back by Oleg to our Parish for use where most needed.

STAR GAZING EVENING

Thursday, April 20, 8:30 p.m.,

Pomona Mills Meadow, east of

St. Volodymyr's Church, 15 Church Lane.

Telescopes will be available to view the planet Jupiter and its moons, and various "deep-sky wonders". A local astronomer with a "sky pointer" will be on hand to trace out constellations. Dress warmly! Please stay close to the walkway to protect the wildflower plantings. Rain or cloud

Date: Thursday, April 27.

For more information, visit www.thornhillwardone.com or contact Jim Laframboise at 905-889-1073.

THE SONG LIVES ON

A concert of choral music for Holy Week
Thornhill United Church

April 23, 2017

25 Elgin St. (at Dudley)

Monday, April 17, 2017 – 7:30 pm

A Freewill offering in support of Hill Hospice in Richmond Hill will be received.

Everyone is welcome!

Share...Life!

St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur, in India has nine mission stations which are 10-15 kilometres away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith.

With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith.

Next ShareLife is Sunday – May 7 2017