

## First Sunday of Advent



As we begin the season of Advent and the new liturgical year, the Church invites us to be ready and prepared to receive the Lord. Today's gospel speaks of the end of the world and what we refer to as the Second Coming. We hear Jesus' reminder to be vigilant and pray, which is loving attentiveness to God.

Prayer nourishes our relationship with the Lord by making us aware of the Divine Presence in our lives. When we pray we delve below the surface happenings of our days and we discover God who dwells in our depths. Advent invites us to make our lives ready for the Lord who is to come.



### Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Nellie Parker</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Rajpat Kawall</b>
Wednesday	Departed Soul
Thursday	Soul of <b>Leticia Villacorta</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Julie McQueen</b>

#### PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

*Dear Parishioners of St. Luke's*

*It is with much sadness that I am writing this letter to say good-bye to all of you.*

*After 11 years as Secretary in the Parish Office I will be retiring on December 12, 2018.*

*As most of you know I have a fairly long commute from my home in King City to Thornhill and with winter approaching it makes the trip quiet onerous.*

*The last 11 years have been some of the happiest of all my working career. Coming to St. Luke's every Monday morning was like coming to my second home. The spirit of community, compassion, sincerity and generosity at St. Luke's is extraordinary. It has been a pleasure and a blessing to have had the opportunity to get to know many of you and to share in the good times and in the challenging times of our lives. I will miss you all terribly.*

*To the staff at St. Luke's you are amazing and like family to me. In the journey of life you sometimes meet people that you connect with immediately, that is how I feel about all of you. The memories we have shared will stay in my heart forever.*

*I would especially like to thank Fr. Bill and Fr. Mark for their kindness, guidance and their leadership, you made St. Luke's a magnificent place to work.*

*Good-bye and God Bless,*

*Anne Amore*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the parish will be celebrated on:

**Wednesday– December 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** **CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM**

**Special envelopes marked Christmas Basket Program will be available next week** in the pews and in the Narthex. Please place your donations in the envelope and drop it into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box. The funds will be used to purchase gift cards and will be distributed according to the size of the family. **Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent Paul. Please make cheques payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ]** **FAMILY MASS**



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 is a very special event that 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, starting November 18.** For those who are interested, please fill out the form found at [goo.gl/okLT2Q](http://goo.gl/okLT2Q) by **November 30th.** Thank you!



## **CHOIR CONCERT** **Saturday, Dec. 08 - 7:30 P.M.**

Once again, in our sanctuary, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season like only music can. Come join us as the 4 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 program will be devotional and joyful and will include opportunities for you to sing along. Some of our excellent musicians will be featured as they grace us with their individual solos pieces. There is no charge to come and there will be a free will offering basket, if you wish to contribute, with all proceeds going to the needs of the parish. A lovely social time with light refreshments will follow. Wishing you Our Lord's very best in this season of great celebration!

## **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

Next Friday **December 7th** is the first Friday of the month so there will be a one hour Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30 pm. All are invited to come and spend one hour with Jesus.



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE** **DINNER DANCE**

Now is the time to start planning for your New Year's Eve celebration! We are continuing our tradition of having a high class served dinner and dance for a very affordable price. The evening begins with arrival at 7:00 and hors d'oeuvres served while you are settling in and socializing with your family and parish friends. Then at 8:00 you will be served at your table your choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken with all the trimmings. Dancing follows to the music of the DJ Greg Benoit so bring your requests! Champagne and party favours are included in your ticket. There will be door prizes and a bar to purchase your drinks of choice. Tickets will be on sale this weekend so reserve your table early. The whole family is invited! Prices are: Adults \$45 Seniors \$30 Children 11 and under \$20. For further information contact Greg at [greg.benoit@rogers.com](mailto:greg.benoit@rogers.com) or at 647-296-6851.

## **FAREWELL GATHERING FOR** **ANNE AMORE**

As one chapter ends, another begins... Our Secretary, Anne Amore, will be retiring effective December 12, 2018.

With a wonderful listening ear and an open heart, Anne has warmly welcomed everyone who entered the doors of St. Luke's Parish Office for the past 10 years plus. There will be a **reception with refreshments and cake on this Sunday, after the 10:30 and 12:15 Masses in the Parish Hall.**



The 2019 Offertory envelopes are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes if you have not already done so. Thank you.