



What is trust? Some people think it means blind obedience. Others think of it more as a currency that is gained and lost like a stock market trading. Trust is actually being deeply rooted in the promises of God so that unpredictable life storms have less chance at uprooting us. When we make a continual choice to trust God, all of us can pray with Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Waiting is not a passive activity, where we sit around and numb ourselves with our phones and so be out of touch, ignoring people or passing the time. Our instructions are clear: trust the promises and do the work of bringing good news while you wait. This week, wrap gifts for someone who won't get any without you. Take Christmas lights over to a neighbour who is not well enough to hang her own. Forgive someone. Bake treats and share them with a person whom you find hard to love. Trust that God's favour is here now, even while you wait. Prayer of the Faithful: For trust that doing God's work paves the way for His coming, we pray

## From the Pastor's Desk

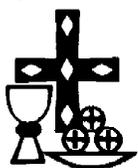
All of us are entering a time when things are getting very busy as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our family and friends. We want everything to be just right when we gather for Christmas, time flies by and we know if we do not pay attention we will not be ready when Christmas arrives.

John the Baptist wanted everyone to know that Jesus was here and he was soon to come and save the world. He wanted everyone to prepare by repenting and washing ourselves clean in Baptism so when the Savior comes we will receive his spirit and salvation, but time goes fast and we must be ready.

Jesus is coming someday for us, let us prepare by making this advent season a time to move closer to him by sharing with others, caring for those in need who are perhaps lonely and left out of this time of year and asking ourselves am I ready to meet Jesus? May God continue to bless you as you journey with him.

This weekend we wish Fr. John Carten a happy birthday and while I have a chance, I wish to thank all of you at St. Luke's for a wonderful year ~ all the ministries and activity show the spirit is truly alive in all of you. It is a pleasure to be here and we look forward to a great celebration of Jesus within a few days.

God Bless,  
*Fr. Mark*



## Mass Intentions

- Monday      Souls of **deceased member of John & Theresa Lee family**
- Tuesday    Souls of **MaryLeung, Carol Munro, Martha Fernandez, Kathleen Reid, Milagros & Marcelino Cabanting**
- Wednesday    In thanksgiving from **John & Theresa Lee**
- Thursday    For the **Intention of Livio Reich's Family**
- Friday      Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**



**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
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## ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

Sunday morning December 24 – Regular Sunday schedule

### **Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. with pageant, 8:00 p.m., and 12 midnight  
with carols starting ½ hour before each Mass

### **Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

Sunday morning December 31

– Regular Sunday schedule

### **New Year's Eve – December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Mass

### **New Year's Day – January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

This year throughout Advent there will be two Christmas trees placed in the narthex with only Christmas lights on them. Families are encouraged to create their own family ornaments with their names on them and place them on the trees. It will be a nice symbol of our community being one in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. If you have any questions please contact John Humphries at [john.humphries@rogers.com](mailto:john.humphries@rogers.com).



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners for their generous support. Our Christmas sale raised proceeds of \$1,700.00. They will be distributed between Covenant House, Good Shepherd Centre, ShareLife and Yellow Brick House.

Christmas Blessings to All,  
Helen Binting



## 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 next 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.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

**On Saturday December 23rd from 1 to 4 pm**

St. Luke's will be hosting a Christmas Fun Day for children from grades senior kindergarten and up.

The children will participate in a variety of different activities. The day is an opportunity for parents to spend some quiet time at this busy time of year and for the children to spend some time together. Christmas treats and drinks like apple cider will be provided. To register your child for the Christmas Fun Day please email John at [john.humphries@rogers.com](mailto:john.humphries@rogers.com). **Children must be pre-registered to participate** and there is a limit on numbers so register early...Thanks!!

## TUNA CASSEROLE VOLUNTEERS

A new Freezer has been ordered but will probably not be delivered until January. Thank you for your support this past year. Hoping you will continue this good work in 2018.”