

Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

In today's readings, which are a series of sayings, Jesus invites us to be radically honest when we ask ourselves "What sort of person am I, what is the fruit of my life, what effect do I have on others, and how do I use my words?" These are all challenging questions and to answer them honestly is even more challenging because we might just see in ourselves something that we really do not like. There is a shadow side to all of us that we would rather keep to ourselves. We hide behind masks because our capacity for self-deception is quite remarkable. What you see is often not what you get. Jesus describes as hypocrites those who notice faults in others, but who are blind to their own shortcomings. We are all guilty of hypocrisy when we put down others for the very faults we have ourselves. We are all on this earth together, doing the best we can. Since we never know the pain and struggle others may be experiencing, we are ill equipped to act as their judge. In this regard, the Sioux Indians have a very apt saying: "Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked in his moccasins." As followers of Christ, we must be people of integrity and avoid being judgmental.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Jim Carroll
Tuesday	Soul of Anna Belinda Dela Cruz Soul of Rajpat Kawall Soul of Jim Bulai Soul of Roger Danis
Wednesday	Intentions of Beata Jung
Thursday	Souls of Agripino & Cecilia Manalo
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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WHY IS THE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES IMPORTANT?

The Catholic Church has come a long way in the past 50 years or so in her relationship with other Christian denominations. I remember when I was in high school, one of my friends suggested that we attend each other's Sunday worship to see what it was like. I replied – no I cannot because Catholics are not supposed to set foot in another church without special dispensation. I wondered why this was so. I could not come up with a good answer but I still did not join my friends in attending different services.

Then Vatican II came along in the early 60's and encouraged ecumenical dialogue not only at theological level but especially at a grassroots level, getting to know one another – focusing on:

- (1) what we have in common rather than on what divides us;
- (2) on restoring unity among Christians while keeping in mind that unity does not mean uniformity; and on
- (3) "Spiritual ecumenism" - time spent in faith sharing, praying together and ministerial collaboration.

In the words of Cardinal Mercier:
*"In order to unite with one another, we must
love one another.
In order to love one another, we must
know one another.
In order to know one another, we must
go and meet one another."*

The Thornhill Ministerial provides opportunities for this. The Ministerial meets monthly to work together, share resources and information about events and to learn from one another. It is a good model for what it means to work for unity without needing uniformity. We actually really like and respect one another and enjoy working together.

So why is the Ecumenical Lenten Series important? Grass roots ecumenism - having events that give us opportunities to meet and get to know one another not only brings Christians together but also encourages all people of faith and society as a whole to come together to make this a better world – a world where peace and justice flourishes.

Please read the bulletin insert for more information on the **Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Series**.

Natalie Doucet

March 3, 2019



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



You are invited to join in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at **7:30 p.m.** in the church. All are welcome to come and spend one hour in prayer.

March Break Day Camp 2019

When: March 11-13. 9am-3pm (Drop-off 8:30am)

Where: St. Luke's Parish

Who: Grades 1-5

Cost: \$20/Day OR \$50 all 3 Days.

Families of students in grades 1-5 are invited to register their children for our parish day camp. The goal of the day camp is to challenge campers to grow in the spiritual gifts of wisdom, courage and strength by taking part in sports, high-energy activities, arts and crafts and reflection on Scripture. To register your child please visit the parish website: <https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry>

For any inquiries please contact Greg Garda at SaintLukesYM@gmail.com OR 905-881-2786 ex.232.

Ash Wednesday

There will be 2 masses on **March 6th – Ash Wednesday**

Morning Mass – 8:00 am

Evening mass – 7:00 pm



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Lenten Little Black Book

It appears that our Circle of Friends miscalculated the popularity of **The Little Black Book** (six minutes of inspiration daily during Lent). The books sold out very quickly last week, leaving many parishioners disappointed. We purchased more and they are available in the narthex after each mass this weekend.



St. Luke's CWL News

Parish Pancake Breakfast

Pre-Lent event! **March 3rd** after all masses.

Spring Trip to Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

Thursday May 16th, 2019. Tickets still available. All men and women welcome! See our bulletin board or contact

CWL

at stlukescw12018@gmail.com



MARTYRS' SHRINE LENTEN RETREAT

Journey with the Canadian Martyrs'

St. Luke's Parish

April 9, 10 and 11th

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Let the lives of the Martyrs' deepen your relationship with Christ as we journey with them during this Lenten season. More information to follow.

“COME AND SEE WEEKEND”

March 15-17, 2019

St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. See the bulletin board for more information.