



SEASON OF CREATION

September has been set aside as the “Season of Creation” (Sept 1 – Oct 4) - a time of prayer, reflection and action on climate change. The suggested theme for this year is “*the web of life: biodiversity as God’s blessing.*” This helps us to meditate on two essential facts about creation: it comes from God, and we play a part in it. (Genesis 9:12-13)

Today’s gospel, which is a collection of three parables about the **Lost Sheep**, the **Lost Coin** and the **Lost Son**, provides us with material for reflection. The emphasis is on a gracious God who is so much in love with us that he seeks out the lost and forgotten. Lostness in one form or another is a state of mind and an uneasy feeling that we all share. Parents feel at a loss while bringing up a family in a world that is so different to that of their own childhood. There is the lostness of young people who are part of a youth culture that promises so much happiness and excitement but fails to deliver. There is the lostness of the senior citizen sidelined in a society that no longer sees value in old age. There is the lostness of the poor who are on the margins in a wealthy global economy. There is the personal anxiety that we may have slipped off God’s radar screen and are lost.

What is emphasised in the Lost Son is the intensity and joy in the heart of God at the return of a single soul that has been separated from him. Each of us is important, and each of us counts. In his home, there is room for all.

In his message for the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, Pope Francis calls the Season of Creation a season for praying, adopting simpler lifestyles and undertaking prophetic actions. The Pope emphasizes “*we have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own*” and urges us to “choose life.”

Climate Change is one of the important moral and social justice challenges of our time. Why?

Creation is a holy gift from God. The world is a holy gift, but it is not ours. It is “our common home” as Pope Francis calls it but, it belongs to God. It is only ours “to till and keep” (Genesis). The consequences of climate change are growing.

The poor are disproportionately affected by climate change. Not all humans or countries are equally responsible for climate change. Those in poorer countries, the most Vulnerable who have contributed the least to this crisis are more severely impacted by the effects of climate change and they have the least capacity to adapt.

We have a responsibility to future generations. We have a responsibility and sacred trust to care for the earth and all the diversity that God created. Are we robbing the future generations by not doing more to honour this sacred trust? What will our children and grandchildren say about our actions or inaction?

We need to reflect on how we want to spend our time here on Earth. What really matters? What will future generations say about the environmental legacy we leave for them. It is up to us but we also need political will.

Catholic Charities has prepared a **Guide to Catholic Social Teaching and the Federal Election** that reflects on 7 key issues that will have an impact on creating the type of just society we hope to build. Caring for the Environment is one of the issues. **(more information next week)**

Natalie Doucet

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of Luke Jang
Tuesday	Soul of Delphine Fernandes Soul of Alan Speight Soul of Peter Currie Soul of Thomas Hughes Soul of Maria Meehan
Wednesday	Intentions of Litta Jung
Thursday	Soul of Kathleen Ann McIntosh
Friday	Soul of Jennifer Celinski

Please pray for the sick in our community

May the Lord bring them hope in times of despair, light in times of darkness and peace when they are troubled, especially: **Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio and Elona**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

PARISH NEWS



The topic of study this year is the Gospel of John - "My Peace I Give You."

When: Mondays: October 07 through November 25.
Afternoon session 1-3pm, Evening Session 7:30-9:30pm
** No Bible Study on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14th

Registration: The weekends of Sept 21/22, Sept 28/29 and Oct 5/6 – after all masses.

Cost: Book and reading material \$15.00

Let us find time explore God's word together and experience real lasting peace, strength and serenity in today's troubled world.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SEPT 28/29 & OCT 5/6 WEEKENDS

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessing God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Your donations enable the Georgina Food Bank to provide much needed aid to those in need in their community.

Your help is greatly needed and much appreciated!

THANK YOU!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry will start meeting again on Fridays beginning **September 20** in the lounge from 1-2pm. New members are always welcome!

First Communion

For parents of children wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year, St. Luke's Church will be holding information sessions **on September 18 and 19 from 7-8pm**. Parents only need attend one of the 2 sessions. For more information, please contact John at john.humphries@rogers.com.

Educate, Reflect, Act!

**Join us October 3, 2019 – 7:30 pm
Federal Election Debate from a Catholic
Perspective**

Thanks to an overwhelming response, in just three days, more than 1,000 free tickets were ordered for the Thursday, October 3, 2019 Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective. While tickets for the John Bassett Theatre are sold out, four archdiocesan parishes (located in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa) equipped with the appropriate technology are opening their halls for viewing parties to bring interested Catholics together to participate in this important evening. Individuals can also livestream the event from their own home. To order free tickets for a viewing party near you or to learn more about the livestream, the debate and related resources, please visit www.archtoronto.org/election

DROP-IN & LINE DANCING

Friday afternoons will once again become a hub of activity when the Drop-In resumes on **September 20** from 2 until 3:30pm. Please join us for a light lunch followed by line dancing.

SL ShareLife

*Helping the whole community
through Catholic agencies*

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the ShareLife 2019 campaign. The final numbers are in and we raised **\$139,053.84**.

2nd Annual

Parish Ministry Conference Saturday, October 19, 2019

This year's Parish Ministry conference will address the reality of being Catholic in today's world. Please see the bulletin board for more information. If anyone attending can accommodate additional passengers, please contact Natalie Doucet at x235.