

# Teach me Your ways, O Lord...

Taking the word of God to heart in today's gospel will require serious soul searching on our part, as it forces us to look inwards. Jesus demands that our innermost thoughts, as well as our outward conduct, should be able to withstand God's scrutiny. We have to constantly purify the way we live and practise our religion. It is very easy to depart from God's will and appear religious at the same time. Wearing medals no more make us religious than joined hands are a substitute for sincere prayer.



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Jerry Ambrozic</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Donna Morton</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Cooper Riswick</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Pamela Papa-Pacla</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Stephen Koay</b>

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
905 881-2786 ext. 250

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Friday **September 7<sup>h</sup>** is the first Friday of the month and we will be having a one hour Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30pm. Come spend one hour with Jesus.

## SEASON OF CREATION

**September 1 to Oct 4** has been set aside as a time to deepen our relationship with the Creator, with each other, and with all of creation. This Season of Creation, which began in 1989, with the first recognition of this time by the ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Church, the Catholic Church and the wider ecumenical family.

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world will celebrate the Season of Creation. Cardinal Peter Turkson has joined ecumenical leaders in encouraging the Catholic family to participate in this month-long celebration of prayer and action. During the Season of Creation we are asked to rejoice in the good gift of creation and to reflect on how we care for it.

For decades, climate scientists have predicted that climate change would lead us to more extreme heat waves. We have seen this in Canada and other parts of the world, some heat waves, so extreme that they have claimed lives.

Chapter 3 of *Laudato Si* (On Care For Our Common Home) the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis: Francis is entitled "*The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*". In other words we have a lot to do with the present ecological crisis. Many have disagreed with this teaching of the Pope, in large part because the recognition that we are responsible for our environmental problems places responsibility on those who are culpable. It also places a responsibility on everyone of us to change our lifestyle to mitigate climate change

As the environmental crisis deepens, we are called to witness to our faith by taking action, changing our lifestyle to preserve the gift we share. Pope Francis urges us to look beyond our comfort level to what is happening to our environment and to the needs of others, including those suffering from climate change. He also encourages us to act with courage and speak about climate change in our own locality and advocate for climate-friendly political and economic policies.


We need prayer and reflection and we need action. Our actions put flesh on our words of prayer and on the words of the Pope.

**Next column: Ways we can make a difference.**

*Natalie Doucet*

September 2, 2018

## PARISH NEWS

**St. Luke's Annual Picnic**  
**Sun., September 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**at Huntington Park**  
*Bring the whole family* 

There will be a barbeque with hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks followed by races and many other activities for the family. Everyone is welcomed! Don't forget to bring your own (hopefully full) picnic basket and some lawn chairs.

Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know if you are coming and how many to prepare for. If you have any questions, please contact Shaila D'Souza at 416 220-8611 or Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851

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## BIBLE STUDY

***Mondays: October 16 through November 26***

The topic of study this year is the Gospel of Matthew: "On the Road with Jesus" (Loyola Press).

**Registration:** Weekends of Sept. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 after all the masses.

**Cost:** Book and reading materials \$15.00

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

## FOCUS ON FATHERS

***Sat., Sept. 15 to Sat., Oct. 20, 2018***

***10:00 to 12:00 noon***

***St. Luke's Parish Hall***

This program is designed to strengthen parenting skills and support men in being more active in their children's lives. Topics covered may include: the role of fathers in child development, discipline, anger, stress management and more. Grandfathers welcomed too!

## Together at Baptism

The Moshi family sponsored by St. Luke's this past October will be celebrating the baptism of their daughter Natalie – the newest addition to their family on **Sunday, September 2 after the 12:15 mass.** All are welcome to attend.

## PAULINE BOOK & MEDIA BOOK DISPLAY

Daughters of St. Paul sisters will be here this weekend after all the masses with books, DVD's, and CD's for Adults, Children and Families. Take a few minutes and check their displays.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Hello St. Luke's Seniors!

Circle of Friends will begin on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow later!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

Friends,

It has been a blessing to accompany and witness youth from our parish community grow closer to Jesus over the past summer through the Steubenville Toronto Conference for teens, the Totus Tuus Day Camp, and Edge Camp up camp Whitepine.

The joy, compassion, and purity of intent that I continue to witness in youth ministry are, in my opinion, glimpses of heaven. Sometimes we can miss the hope that is right in front of our eyes; our children and grandchildren.

We will be kicking-off new youth ministry initiatives in the coming school year, but I cannot do it alone. Even Jesus needed at least 12 people to help him. I alone cannot show the youth that this parish loves them. I need all of you to show your love to the youth by taking an active role in youth ministry and being present to them.

Independent of what you think are your limitations, if you are capable of love, you are capable of accompanying youth to Jesus. I encourage you to contact me on how you can get involved. In Christ, **Greg Garda**. [647-999-9499](tel:647-999-9499) OR [SaintLukesYM@gmail.com](mailto:SaintLukesYM@gmail.com).