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Like the disciples, we may well have our moments of doubt about the resurrection. Christian believers are people who are not ashamed to speak their doubts to the Lord and ask his help. We all have difficulty in recognising the presence of Jesus in today's world and are in need of having our minds and eyes opened to encounter him in our ordinary everyday experience. The gospel is making the point that, as a Christian community, we meet the risen Lord every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Sharing the table of the Lord is one of the few ways we can openly give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift in our lives, for all that keeps us together as a community. One cannot be truly present at the Eucharist without a desire to change and set out on the road travelled by Christ, trying to live as he did in a caring and sharing way. Every breaking of bread is an invitation to give ourselves as completely as possible to Jesus, and to surrender ourselves to his power of love, which will change us and bring us to everlasting life.



Mass Intentions

Table with 2 columns: Day and Intention. Monday: Soul of Nellie Parker; Tuesday: Souls of Herminigilda Penoso, Dexter Sarmiento, Anna Kok Mee Shin, Sol Elepano, John Kwon & Vic Lecaros; Wednesday: Soul of Filomena Albanese; Thursday: Soul of Gord McMahon; Friday: Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

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YES, YOU CAN READ THE BIBLE!

Have you ever tried reading the Bible? How did it go? Two common answers to this question are: "Yes, but I got bored" Or "Yes, but it was confusing." I have no doubt that many of you reading this would have given the same answers. I don't blame you for your responses. Like in any discipline, when it comes to reading the Bible a foundation needs to be set. Before learning a new language, you have to learn the alphabet and grammatical rules of that language. Trying to learn a new language without the foundational principles is impossible. Having said this let's look at two foundational principles for reading the Bible.

1. Don't Open and Point

The biggest mistake you can make is to open the Bible to a random page and start reading with the hopes of finding some secret spiritual truth. The writers of the Bible were not intending for their writings to be cryptic. Their goal was to write with intent and clarity for their respective audience. Before reading a book in the Bible I encourage you to find out the following: 1) what is the genre? Are you reading poetry, prophecy, biography, historical narrative, legal texts, letters, or apocalyptic literature. 2) Who is the intended audience? Knowing the intended audience will help you better understand key words or phrases. Is the intended audience pagan, Jewish, non-Jewish Christians, etc. The Bible is a library of books of different genres. Many modern study Bibles have brief articles written before each book to help readers navigate through them. My favourite is the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

2. Read the Bible in Light of Jesus

Before the two major parts of the Bible were titled the Old and New Testament they were referred to as the Old and New Covenant. Jesus is the New Covenant, or God's newest and final promise to humanity. He is the fulfilment of the Old Covenant prophecies. In today's Gospel, Luke presents the resurrected Jesus appearing before his disciples. The disciples are afraid and confused (Lk 24:37-38) until Jesus "opened their minds to understand the scriptures..." (v.45). The Old Testaments contains types for Jesus. For example, Abraham's first born son, Isaac, who Abraham almost sacrificed (cf.Gen 22:1-19) is a type for Jesus because Isaac prefigured Christ's sacrifice. There are several types in the Old Testament that point to Jesus. My favourite one is the Ark of the Covenant that the Israelites carried the Commandments in. The Ark of the Old Covenant is the type for the Ark of the New Covenant, Mary, who carried in her the New Covenant, Jesus. These two principles are by no means exhaustive, but they are a good starting point for getting more out your Bible.

Greg Garda, Youth Minister.

**April 15, 2018**

## **HEALING MASS**

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 pm**

This Mass is being offered so that God may heal us physically, spiritually, emotionally; and resolve relationship issues in order to help us forgive ourselves and others.

The presider will be Father Ben St. Croix, a priest with a heart for evangelization from the "Companions of the Cross" community. Among other duties, he is Liaison to the Cardinal for the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The service will start with the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion followed by the Mass and then by the healing and anointing service. Those wishing to participate will come to the altar for anointing.

Our healing mass is open to all – so please invite anyone who could benefit from this special healing service.

## **OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO**

### **RECITAL**

**Saturday April 28, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**

Our organist/pianist for the 10:30 and 12:15 masses is holding a recital here in the sanctuary on the above date. You and your friends and relatives will not want to miss his dazzling performance of wonderful music. **Reserved tickets** are \$17, \$22, and \$27 (not including tax) and may be purchased by:

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3. Inquiries can be directed to Greg Benoit after the Sunday masses or by calling him at 647-296-6851 or emailing him at [greg.benoit@rogers.com](mailto:greg.benoit@rogers.com)
4. A considerable portion of the proceeds will be donated back by Oleg to our Parish for use where most needed.

## **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

**April 21/22 – St. Luke's Parish Hall**

Please bring any items you wish to donate (no furniture or clothes) to the parish hall by Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

## **THORNHILL STARGAZING EVENING**

**Thursday, April 19, 8:30 p.m.**

*Pomona Mills Meadow, east of St. Volodymyr's Church, 15 Church Lane*

Telescopes will be available to view the Moon, the planet Jupiter with its moons, the planet Venus, and various "deep-sky wonders". Dress warmly! For more information, visit [www.thornhillwardone.com](http://www.thornhillwardone.com) or contact Jim Laframboise at 905-889-1073.

New Beginnings Presents:

## **Approaching the Annulment Process**

*St. Mary Immaculate, 10295 Yonge St., Richmond Hill Thursday April 19, 2018 @ 7:00 pm*

Learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage, separation/divorce and annulments.

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