

# St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions

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Throughout the gospel readings we come in contact with the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd and it carries a message of reassuring love that has comforted, consoled and inspired people down through the centuries. It is one of the most endearing images of Jesus who presents himself as the Good Shepherd promised by God – one who is willing to get to know us, protect us and make the ultimate sacrifice of his life, as an example of his love for humanity. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus reaches out in loving care towards the weak, the helpless and the marginalised. He bandages the wounded, brings back the stray and seeks out those who have wandered off course and lost their way. His expressed desire is that everyone should be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.

## EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

Earth Day was created in 1970 as a way of raising awareness about the environment and Climate Change. For many, Climate Change can often seem as something remote – a vague and complex problem far off in the distance. We in Canada are still fortunate enough to be insulated from most of its consequences. Scientists, and Pope Francis have come to a consensus that Climate Change is real and has real consequences.

When Pope Francis became Pope in 2013 he called on all of us to be protectors. He explained that to be a protector means “*respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.*” How can ordinary people answer this call?

Sometimes we think that little things don’t make a difference. Pope Francis has told us “*There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions... such as, avoiding the use of plastics, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other human beings, using public transport or carpooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any other number of practices.*” We can leave the world a better place.

We love our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc. For their sake we need to take action to leave the world a better place and also for God’s sake. To paraphrase Teresa of Avila: Christ has no body now but ours. Ours are the hands, feet, eyes of Christ – we are Christ’s body here on earth.

As we grow deeper in love with God our relationship changes. We can’t help but grow to love what God loves – what matters to God more and more matters to us – respecting the environment, caring about the poor, the oppressed – the list could go on and it is all interconnected. We show our love by actions not words for we are Christ’s body here on earth.

Natalie Doucet



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Departed Soul
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Anna Cristinzo, Mui Hoon Tan, Julia Hackim Jacobs</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Gerald Speight</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Pamela Papa-Pacla</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

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

April 22, 2018



The Community of St. Luke's will be celebrating our Pastor **Father Mark's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of his Ordination into the Priesthood at our parish church on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the 12:15 mass. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special event.

## 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 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:

1. Logging on to [brownpapertickets.com/event/3342808](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3342808) and using Visa or debit to reserve your seat from the seating chart. Your ticket will be emailed or mailed to you.
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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.



## MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

### PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

This year at St. Luke's, the statue of Mary will be escorted to your home by members of the parish and enthroned and displayed at a location prepared by you. The rosary will then be recited by family and friends.

Each day the statue will travel to another location throughout the month.

If you are interested in praying the rosary at your home please contact Shaila D'Souza at 416-220-8611



## CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

St. Luke's invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> during the 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

Please join us in honouring Mary our Mother in a very special way. We will have a procession with flowers and Marian Hymns during the Mass.

Make this annual event part of your devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome! Bring the children!



## BUNDLE UP for SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **May 12/13** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Thank you!!!

## TUNA CASSEROLES

The Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due this month on April 29th (last Sunday of the month). Thanks for your continued support.

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**After all the masses on Saturday and Sunday** Proceeds will go towards St. Luke's First Nations Bursary Initiative.

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