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PENTECOST

On Pentecost, the disciples were gathered in the upper room, afraid to go out and do what Jesus had told them. We are not alone when we feel unsure of how to witness to God’s great love. God sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, sending them out to speak all different languages, to encounter all kinds of people, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Unfortunately, we sometimes forget that the good news is for everyone, and we get trapped in racism, political ideologies, and unjust discriminations. That is not the life God desires for us. The Spirit is sent to bring us peace and lead us to truth. We do not need to be afraid of the Spirit at work among us in different ways: different languages and customs, cultural traditions and family rituals. As each of us receives the Spirit and is sent forth, let us remember that we are called together and that our differences make it possible for us to reach more people with life and love.



Mass Intentions

- Monday Mass of Thanksgiving from the **Pang family** – Mass at 9:00 am today
- Tuesday Souls of **Domenic Troiano, Carmena Finech, Rita Desira, Laura Nelson and Kit Bristow**
- Wednesday Soul of **Gerald Speight**
- Thursday Soul of **Lin Tong Gam**
- Friday Soul of **Anna Kok Mee Chin**

OUR BURSARY FOR A FIRST NATIONS STUDENT

The Social Justice Committee has been raising funds for a bursary for a First Nations student at the University of Nipissing. Our commitment is for 3 years for a bursary of \$1,000.00 each year to be awarded to an Indigenous student to be chosen by the University.

There is an assumption that Indigenous students do not have costs involved in regards to attending university since they do not need to pay for tuition and books. This is actually a common misconception that Indigenous students receive free tuition and books.

Our government does support Indigenous students and provides funds for tuition and books. The funds are distributed to the various bands, and from there the indigenous students must apply to their band for funding to attend post secondary school.

Unfortunately there are limited funds and some students are denied. Also some bands provide some funding for books and accommodation and some only provide funding for tuition. The majority of indigenous students do have to cover their own accommodation expenses. The person in charge of Bursaries at Nipissing University has indicated that an increasing number of indigenous students coming to Nipissing have had to apply to OSAP because they did not receive funding from their band. This is mainly because the indigenous youth population is growing in Canada, and support funds that are distributed to the bands has not grown along with the population.

The student chosen by the Nipissing University to receive the bursary for 2017 is an Algonquin First Nations student in his second year in the Social Welfare and Social Development Program. His aim is to be finished by the spring of 2020 and to find work in the non-profit sector to help others reach their potential.

Education is one of the key recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The annual bursary is small but it shows a willingness to move forward to a better future.

*Natalie Doucet*

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

May 20, 2018

# Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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 next **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.

## TOTUS TUUS DAY CAMP

*Grades 1-6, July 30 – Aug. 03, 9am-2:30pm*

*Grades 7 + July 29 – Aug. 03, 7pm-9pm*

**Cost:** Grades 1-6, \$60/child; \$30 for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> student/family

Grades 7+ \$30/student; \$15 for second child in the family.

Registrations for Totus Tuus Day Camp at St. Luke's are now open. Totus Tuus is a faith centred camp open to all students run by college-aged missionaries from around the Archdiocese of Toronto. Totus Tuus is a great opportunity for students to get involved in exciting camp activities, meet new friends, and grow in their Christian faith.

For more information or to register see Greg Garda, Youth Minister, following Sunday Masses or contact him by email or phone.

**Greg Garda:** saintlukesym@gmail.com  
905-881-2786 ex. 332..



## BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

**A big thank you** to everyone who contributed to Saint Vincent de Paul's Bundle -Up days last weekend. Your donations will be a great help in our efforts to assist our neighbors in need. Also a heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who loaded up the truck-*you made this possible.*



## REMINDER

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The office will be closed on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for Victoria Day. Morning mass will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

The Tuna Casseroles are due this month on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (last Sunday of the month). Thank you for your continued support."

## DAY OF REFLECTION INVITATION FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS OF LESBIAN DAUGHTERS AND GAY SONS

*Saturday, June 2 – 9 am – 5 pm*

*Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering  
\$40.00 (includes lunch)*

Catholic parents testify that a welcoming, respectful and sensitive attitude by their parish community is especially important when they are dealing with a child's disclosure of same-sex attraction. Offer your patient assistance to parents who are supporting a son or daughter who is coming to terms with same sex attraction and may experience isolation or repressing silence. Ostracism or the fear of being rejected frequently contributes to the despair that all too often is felt by these young persons. We urge you to be attentive to their parents, reducing their isolation and worry. For information call John Montague 416 523-6449

# Share...Life!

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