

# St. Luke's Parish

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**Teach me  
Your ways,  
O Lord . . .**

At a time when many find it difficult to make ends meet, society bombards us with a set of values based on the need for material security. It judges our success by the size of our bank account, the extent of our possessions and the exclusiveness of the area in which we live. But the wisdom that comes from God measures differently and ranks power and riches as nothing. Jesus invites us to simplicity - to let go of the things that bind us and "come, follow me."

Possessions can control your life. They can seem to be your life and your identity. Unless you can moderate your need for them, you will be halted in your journey to the highest value there is in life, God.

There is more to the gospel story than renunciation of material possessions, for Jesus does not tell the man simply to get rid of his possessions: he must sell them and give to the poor. The point of the command is to acknowledge people and their needs over the satisfaction provided by the ownership of things.



**Mass Intentions**

- Monday      Soul of **Cecile Gantner**
- Tuesday    Souls of **Herminigilda Penoso, Jacinta Alde, Virginia Dela Cruz, Thomas Donnelly, and for the Intention of Lina Forhan**
- Wednesday    Soul of **David Edmonson**
- Thursday    Soul of **Diana Jorgensen**
- Friday      Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

**MOSAIC INTERFAITH**  
**PEACE MEAL**

MOSAIC INTERFAITH was founded in 1980 and is made up of congregations representing Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism. MOSAIC Interfaith is dedicated to dialogue – to the promotion of mutual respect and understanding among religions, with the hope that all may co-exist in peace.

The Vatican 11 document *Nostra Aetate* (Declaration on the Relation of the church to Non-Christian Religions) turned around centuries of disregard and disrespect of other faith traditions. For the first time the Catholic Church conceded that much truth is to be found and respected in other religions and formally expressed appreciation for the merits of non-Christian religions. With this document the Church began to rethink its relationship to the world religions, stressing the truths and values that it shares with other religions, rather than the differences that separates it from them.

There are many ways to practice interfaith dialogue. There is *theological exchange*. There is the *dialogue of social action*, Christians and those of other faiths working together on justice issues. The most important form of dialogue is *the dialogue of everyday life* - trying to get to know **one another in everyday life – in our workplaces, in our neighbourhoods** etc. The *dialogue of everyday life* lies at heart of developing good relationships with people of other faiths. In the end we make a choice. We can regard the differences between religions as their most important feature, or we can recognize that beyond the diversity there is an essence that all religions share – love, compassion, forgiveness. This is what binds us together and transcends our differences.

Pope John Paul 11 has stated: **“By dialogue we let God be present in our midst, for as we open ourselves to one another, we open ourselves to God.”** Today interfaith dialogue is considered to be a mission of the church – not to convert but to dialogue - to respect, value and learn from one another. This is what the Peace Meal tries to foster – an opportunity to come to know each other, to break down the stereotypes so that the other is no longer a stranger.

*Natalie Doucet*

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

October 14, 2018

# All Souls Day

*Feast of all Souls*

**On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the parish will join in the celebration of the feast of All Souls. It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of our God.**

The names of those who have died since last November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 will be mentioned in a special way. Our deceased parishioners who were buried from St. Luke's, will be automatically included.

If a family member or friend was buried from another parish, **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, please call the parish office at ext. 221 or e-mail [st.lukesparish@rogers.com](mailto:st.lukesparish@rogers.com) with their names. **All names should be in by Tuesday, afternoon, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

All Souls envelopes are provided in the pews for intentions at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. After All Souls Day the envelopes will be placed near the altar during the month of November.

## SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY BEFORE THE 8:45 MASS

When you plan to attend the 8:45 mass, why not come a few minutes early (8:15) and join your fellow parishioners in praying Our Blessed Mother's Rosary for world peace? If we don't pray, it won't happen.



## BUNDLE UP for SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of October 20/21 to collect **clothing, household linens, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, and toys** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. **Also please note, we do not accept books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** Our container will be open all day Saturday until 5:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

## OUT OF THE COLD CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Out of the Cold Program will be starting up again in November. We need warm winter clothing for adults, both men and woman (no children's clothing). The clothing may be dropped off in the hall anytime. Please put a sticker on the bag of clothing to indicate that it is for the Out of the Cold program. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

## MOSAIC INTERFAITH PEACE MEAL

The annual Peace Meal will be held on **Sunday, October 21 from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.** The topic is Charity & Justice. How are they different? Why we need both?

Please bring a nut free vegan dish to share. If you have any questions please call Natalie at 905 881-2786 ext. 235.

## **DON'T FORGET!**

**Laima's O'Sullivan's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** Bring your favorite dish for the potluck. Anyone wishing to perform call Greg Benoit at 647 296-6851.

## CANADIAN BISHOPS ISSUE DOCUMENT ON PROTECTION OF MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

On October 4, the bishops of Canada issued a new national guidelines for the protection of minors in Canada. Entitled Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation and Transformation, this document first and foremost, focuses on minors and vulnerable adults, whom Canada's bishops wish to protect from sexual violence. The documents can be found at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Since 1989, the Archdiocese of Toronto has had an extensive safe environment policy in place, including a procedure for allegations of abuse or misconduct. That document can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/about-us/safe-environment>

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