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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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Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	For Envelopes, please contact usher <input type="checkbox"/>
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Each year on Palm Sunday, we read an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers who abandoned him in his greatest hour of need, of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted his death, and of the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution. We are reminded of these things because we have a kinship with them, but that is not the purpose of the Passion reading.

The emphasis is on Jesus. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of the Calvary, his goodness shines all the more brightly. The day of his death is not called “Bad Friday” but “Good Friday”. What makes it good is the love of Jesus, “Greater love no man has than to lay down his life for his friends.” It is that love that we remember this week. It was the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and of life over death.

Earth Day, April 22

Earth Day, was created as a way to raise awareness about the environment and Climate Change and to force this issue on the political agenda of governments on a global scale.

We in Canada are still fortunate enough to be insulated from most of its consequences, but we are having more extreme weather patterns. Rising temperatures have the potential to raise ocean levels, alter ocean currents, change rainfall patterns, and increase the frequency and severity of storms and natural disasters such as drought and flooding.

The Canadian Bishops have stated “ *that care of the environment is not an option. Not to care for the environment is to ignore the Creator’s plan for all of creation....*” There is also growing recognition that poverty and the ecological crisis are related. The richer countries pollute and the poorer countries suffer the consequences.



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Nellie Parker
Tuesday	Soul of Hermigilda Penoso Soul of Dexter Sarmiento Souls of Munira & Boland Lamooza Soul of Bernard Hannan Soul of Dennis Chow
Wednesday	Soul of Gord McMahan
Thursday	Holy Thursday – No Morning Mass
Friday	Good Friday – No Morning Mass

A Prayer for Earth Day

Creator God, you make all things and weave them together in an intricate tapestry of life. Teach us to respect the fragile balance of life and care for the gift of your creation.

Guide by your wisdom those who have power and authority, that, by the decisions they make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth may continue to sing your praises.

Transform our hearts and inspire us to live more simply so that others can simply live. Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new, that we all may know the joy of life abundant.

May our faith in you, our God, give us renewed hope with the dawn of each new day.

Author unknown

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

Let us pray that our love for God and God’s earth will grow so that we can all flourish as one human family.

Natalie Doucet



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14th – April 21st

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 13th 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 14th^h 8:45, 10:30, 12:15

Mass of Our Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 18th
7:30 pm - *Washing of the Feet, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

Good Friday - Friday, April 19th
10:30 am - *Children's Way of the Cross*
3:00 pm - *Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 20th
8:00 pm - *Easter Vigil Mass (Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates)*

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 21st
8:45, 10:30, & 12:15



**CROWNING
OF MOTHER MARY**

St. Luke's invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, April 30th** 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!

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MOSAIC INTERFAITH

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND SOLIDARITY

Sunday April 28th

St. Luke's Catholic Parish

4:00 pm – Gather for Refreshments in Parish Hall

4:30 - 6:00 pm Service in the Church

This is an Interfaith Service of peace, understanding and a celebration of life – a gathering of continuous solidarity rather than a solidarity that only shows itself when tragedy strikes. If you have **any questions please contact Natalie at ext. 235 or at natalie.doucet@ rogers.com**

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 20TH

10:30 AM

AT THE ALTAR

The blessing of the Easter baskets on Holy Saturday is a Eastern European tradition that has also found favour in North America. Although no two Easter baskets have exactly the same contents, there are certain foods that are traditionally found in the basket. **Easter bread** is symbolic of Jesus the true bread of life. Often the bread is a round loaf, which symbolizes the crown of thorns. A **horseradish root** is symbolic of the nails used to crucify Jesus. **Eggs**, dyed red, symbolize the drops of Jesus' blood that was shed for our salvation. **Ham or other meat** is a sign of great joy and abundance of Easter and God's mercy to us. **Wine** can also be symbolic of the blood of Christ – given to gladden hearts so that we may rejoice in the resurrection. **Butter**, in the shape of a lamb or a cross, reminds us of the goodness of Christ. Through symbolism, we have a short, but very memorable, catechism lesson of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.



**MAY IS THE MONTH
OF OUR LADY**

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

This year at St. Luke's, the statue of Mary is available for display in your home at a location prepared by you. The rosary can then be recited by family and friends.

Each day the statue will travel to another location throughout the month. The sign up schedule will be available in the narthex Monday April 22nd.

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