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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

"Do not be afraid, He has risen, just as he said." (Matt. 28:5-8)

Easter Sunday morning is a time for great rejoicing. Christ has defeated death and is the source of new life. On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished.

St. John Chrysostom in his Paschal sermon wrote, "If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. If anyone is a grateful servant, let them, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord. If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive recompense. If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast ... He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious ... Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn their transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free." (Circa 400 AD)

Over the past seven months the Parish of St. Luke's have been richly blessed by the presence and the experience of the Catechumenate. In September, we welcomed a group of women and men into the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. These candidates felt called by God to explore and enhance their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is not a program that begins and finishes. No, it is a process of one's faith journey. It is the unfolding of God's sacred plan for us; from here to eternity.

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed these men and women, into our parish community. The Catechumenate process recognizes that conversion to Jesus and membership in the Church is still a radical step. It demands courage to "die" to old ways. Old ideas and priorities are re-evaluated. Things that did not seem important at first take on new meaning. Its purpose, however, is conversion - a Journey of Mind, Heart and Spirit. And so we rejoice and congratulate our new members. In seeing the amazing faith that they have expressed, our own faith has been renewed and strengthened. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and passionate dedication over the past seven months. We offer them our thanks and our admiration, and we pray for them as they begin this new phase of their spiritual journey.

As St. John wrote, let all receive the riches of goodness; let no one lament, no one mourn, *but rejoice*. If we go into our hearts, to that place of repentance and love, Christ will meet us with the words, "Rejoice! Do not be afraid! I am with you always!"

Happy Easter!
Antoinette

Christ is risen! That means that Christ is alive after being put to death. Christ is risen! That means that the forgiveness that He promised to us is real: our sins are forgiven! Christ is risen! That means that when we die, we will be with Him. When He comes in glory at the end of time, we will be with Him. Christ is risen! That means that truly He is the Son of God, God of God, Light of Light.

On Easter morning, we must shout out with all of creation: Christ is risen! Christ invites us to walk with Him and to form a community with Him.



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Lolita Conway**
- Tuesday Soul of **Pamela Papa-Pacla**
Soul of **Anthony Greco**
Soul of **Aura Rosa DeChala**
Soul of **Maria Mercedes Ferro de Ray**
Intentions of the **Thomas and Carol Bader Family**
Soul of **Dennis Chow**
- Wednesday Soul of **Elizabeth Gallivan**
- Thursday Intentions of **Rose Amodeo on her 100th Birthday**
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

PARISH NEWS



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!



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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DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday Catholic Churches throughout the world, will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome!

Place: St. Luke's

Date: April 28, 2019

Time: Start at 2:45 pm



Celebration will consist of prayers, the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction.

Tuna Casseroles

The Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due by Sunday, April 28th (last Sunday of the month). St. Luke's has been supporting this program since 2002 and it would not be possible without the many faithful volunteers. God Bless you all.

MOSAIC INTERFAITH

A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND SOLIDARITY

Sunday April 28th

4:00 pm – Gather for Refreshments in Parish Hall

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

St. Luke's Catholic Parish

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**



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Knights of Columbus - 2019 Charities Lottery

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Tickets for the 2019 Knights of Columbus charities lottery will be available for purchase in the Narthex following Mass on Apr 27th and Apr 28. Tickets are \$5.00 each with prizes up to \$200,000 and 500 Prizes with cumulative value of over \$500,000.



Wishing everyone a very happy Easter season.
Easter Monday, mass will begin at **9:00am** and the parish office will be closed.

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