

# *St. Luke's Parish*

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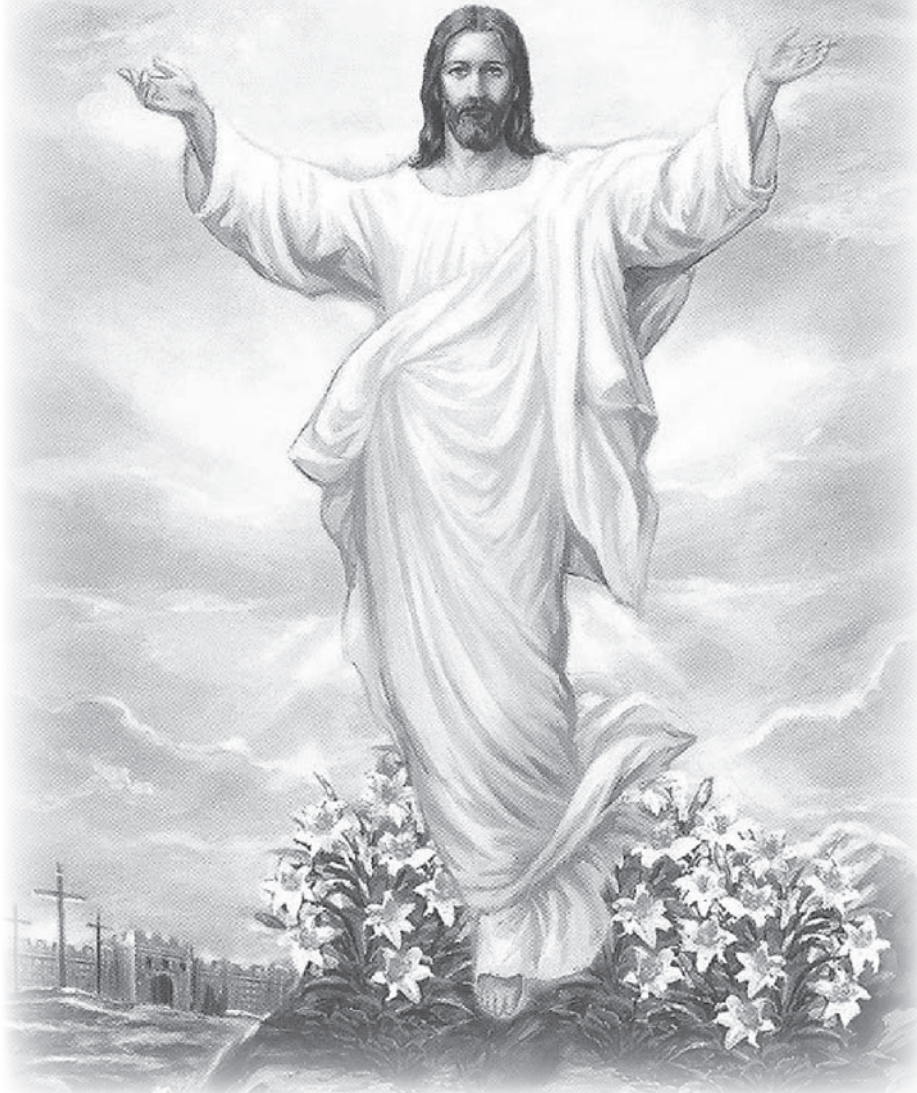
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## **Christ is Risen!**



## **Alleluia, Alleluia!**



How wonderful is the power of the Resurrection of our Lord. Timid and fearful followers become evangelizers who no longer fear anything. Those who felt that they must have been duped by Jesus now come to accept that God was working in Jesus and bringing all of us salvation.

We, no matter at what stage we find ourselves in our faith, can allow today's reading to draw us closer to Christ, to believe more deeply in the Resurrection and to empower us with the strength and joy of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen! Our lives are changed forever. Let us rejoice and be glad!

### Easter

In the days leading to this week's Gospel the followers of Jesus had thought it was all over, their world was changed, Jesus was gone, all their hopes and dreams stopped and they waited to see what would happen. Then Mary saw the tomb was open and life began again but this time it would be forever, Jesus has risen! In the last few weeks our lives have changed, we have faced a lot of challenges and many have gone before us but today we have hope. We know the sun will shine again. Jesus has given us life. Today, in whatever way you can, celebrate and sing Alleluia, in Jesus, in the end nothing will defeat us.

On behalf of Fr. Wen, Fr. John and all the staff at St. Luke's, **Happy Easter** and in the words of Jesus "Peace be with you" until we meet again, God Bless.  
Fr. Mark

#### **Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:**

Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Ashling Reilly, Nicholas Lepone, Sam Accardi, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Marciana Saldaña, Ron Scarcello, Austin Delaney, and babies Rebecca Grace Silva and Savina Thérèse Humphries

### LIVING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AMID COVID 19

Many areas of our daily lives have become uncertain: health, employment, financial security, recreational activities as well as our ability to gather for Mass.

The following are some quotes from Pope Francis reflecting on how the COVID 19 pandemic has united us in our common humanity and has made us realize what's really important in life and how we are all in this journey through life together.

*"We have realized that **we are on the same boat**, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us **called to row together.**"*

*"Lord, you are calling us to faith which is not so much believing that you exist, but **coming to you and trusting in you....** You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a **time of choosing** .... a time to choose what matters and what passes away, **a time to separate what is necessary from what is not.** It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. .. we have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but **only together can we do this.**"*

*"We should **remember that we are not alone.** Jesus experienced total abandonment in a situation he had never before experienced. He did it for me, for you, to say to us do not be afraid, you are not alone. "I experienced all your desolation in order to be close to you... **Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, Jesus says to each of us "Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you."***

*"We were put on this earth to **love God and our neighbours. Everything else passes away, only this remains.** The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously and not get caught up in those that matter less...for life is measured by love. Life is a gift we receive only when we give ourselves away, and **our deepest joy comes from saying yes to love without ifs and buts. As Jesus did for us.**"*

COVID 19 has given us the stark realization that we really are all in this together – that love of God and neighbor, caring for one another is what will ultimately bring us joy and peace in good times and in difficult times. By taking Pope Francis' words to heart, by being there for one another we can live the resurrection with our lives.

*Natalie Doucet*



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Thank you

### Good Shepherd Casserole Program

Because the Good Shepherd Ministry is unable to serve hot meals to their guests during this time, the program has been suspended until further notice. They will however be providing bagged meals and there is a need for the following items: **Mayonnaise, Mustard, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Bottled Water, Small Juice Boxes, Sliced Bread and Individually Wrapped Cookies.** If you can provide any of these items in lieu of the casserole, it will be appreciated. Thank you from Good Shepherd Ministries!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Intentions of <b>Martino Lee</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Hermigilda Peñoso</b> Soul of <b>Dexter Sarmiento</b> Soul of <b>Ita Sutikno</b> Soul of <b>Chris Quiquero</b> Soul of <b>Deborah Parris</b>
Wednesday	<b>Departed Soul</b>
Thursday	<b>Departed Soul</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Gord McMahon</b>

## NOTICE – PARISH CLOSED

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to comply with the Government of Ontario’s new regulations requiring that all non-essential workplaces be closed, the church and the parish office must remain closed to the public until further notice.

If you have any questions or concerns during this period of closure, please leave a voice mail at 905-881-2786 x221 or email us at [st.lukesparish@rogers.com](mailto:st.lukesparish@rogers.com) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We also encourage you to check our website: [stlukesth@archtoronto.org](http://stlukesth@archtoronto.org) or [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) for COVID-19 updates and our weekly bulletin.



*Thank you* to everyone who has been able to continue supporting our parish during these unpredictable times. A variety of donation options are available for your convenience.

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