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 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
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

Pope Francis' Easter Message

In his Easter Vigil homily, Pope Francis likened the experience of the women in Jerusalem to that of people around the world today as they endure the COVID 19 pandemic. *“They, like us, had before their eyes the drama of suffering, of an unexpected tragedy that happened all too suddenly...pain was mixed with fear, would they suffer the same fate as the Master. Then too there was a fear about the future and all that would need to be rebuilt. For them, as for us, it was the darkest hour.”*

“Yet in this situation the women did not allow themselves to be paralyzed. They hear Jesus’ words. “do not be afraid” do not yield to fear. This is the message of hope. These are the words that God repeats to us today.”

“Tonight we acquire a fundamental right – the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism...it is a gift from heaven....Jesus plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life.

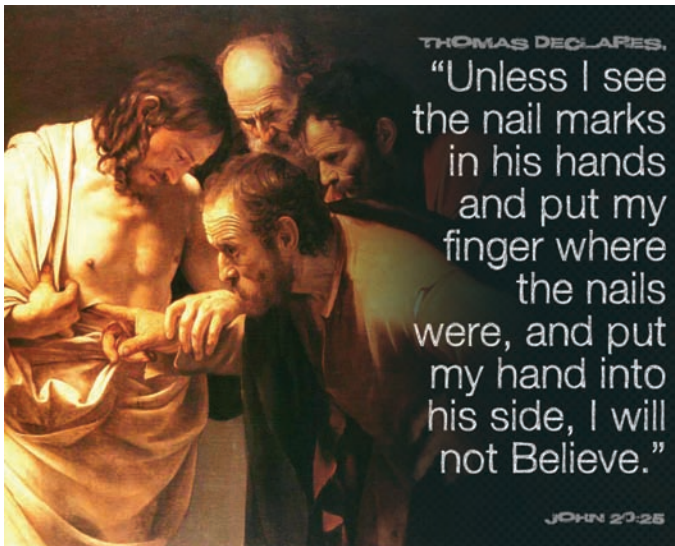
In his Urbi et Orbi on Easter Sunday, Pope Francis challenges us to ban indifference, self-centredness, division during this time– to spread the *“contagion of hope”* - one that is transmitted – *“from heart to heart..... Christ’s resurrection is not a magic formula that makes problems vanish... it is the victory of love over the root of evil. This victory does not by-pass suffering and death, but passes through them transforming evil into good.”*

In his Easter Sunday Letter to members of social movements around the world Pope Francis, noting that the financial suffering caused by COVID 19 suggested that this crisis warranted the establishment of a basic universal income. *“This may be the time to consider a universal basic wage which would acknowledge and dignify that are carried out... It would ensure and concretely achieve the ideal, at once so human and so Christian, of no workers without rights.”* The Pope suggested that a reordering of priorities in the aftermath of should lead to *“universal access to work, housing and land and food as fundamental to justly-ordered societies.”*

Pope Francis urges people today *“to cling to the Risen Jesus... to be pilgrims in search of hope....to turn our backs on death and open our hearts to Jesus..for Jesus is life itself”*.

Let us take the words of Pope Francis to heart and live them with our lives.

Natalie Doucet



One week after Easter, today’s gospel reading confronts the fundamental ingredient of all religions, faith.

Faith is simply trust in God. The Apostle Thomas is presented to us as a human with doubts, very much like us. He doubted that Jesus had risen from the tomb. The words that Jesus said to Thomas were meant for all of us: “Do not doubt but believe.....Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have come to believe.”**

Yes, there are times that we have difficulty in believing in heaven or in the plan of salvation, yet we still need to believe. We have been exposed to the deepest mysteries of God. We need to pray for faith. Faith is the one gift we can be sure of receiving if we ask. We worship our Lord because we have great faith. Blessed are we who have not seen but believe.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The good news for this week is the Easter Season lasts for fifty days! This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. You can pray the novena on your own and Jesus’ mercy and love will be with you.

Let us continue to pray for each other until we meet again. Alleluia! 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

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Laima O'Sullivan
Tuesday	Departed Souls
Wednesday	Soul of Razik Lawrence
Thursday	Souls of Noel Lawrence and Jacqueline Bahoshey
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

NOTICE – PARISH STILL 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 close, the church and the parish office continue to 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 and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We also encourage you to check our website: stlukesth@archtoronto.org or myparishapp.com for COVID-19 updates and our weekly bulletin.

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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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- **Credit Card.** Sign on to the Archdiocese of Toronto website and in the upper right hand corner click on Donate Now.
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- **Online Banking.** This will require a unique account number from the Archdiocese. Please send an email to campaign@archtoronto.org, providing your name, address, Parish name and municipality. Be assured your gift will be directed to our parish.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul find themselves in an unusual situation as a result of parishes being closed during this health crisis. Weekly donations in the "Poor Boxes" for our Neighbours In Need have essentially dried up. Please contact the parish office at 905-881-2786 x221 if you are able to continue to support this important ministry.

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!

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