

# St. Luke's Parish

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter



As Christians, we view life as a pilgrimage to the house of the Father – a journey home. It can be a rough passageway through the turmoil's of this world, with inevitable grief, sacrifices and sufferings. Access to our Father is along a narrow and winding road. Jesus traveled it and to negotiate it properly we need his guidance. He is the way, the truth and the life. In every trial of life, He is the person who helps us make the leap of faith pointing us to our destination. When in the anxiety of the present, our focus narrows to the problems that hem us in on every side – a sick child, an unpaid bill, an alcoholic partner, depression, unemployment - the list is endless, however remaining open to his presence and power will bring us encouragement and strength. No matter how desperate our situation, faith in Jesus Christ will break the grip on the cares and worries upon us. If we really believe in this promise of Christ – not to let our hearts be troubled - then we will begin to know the peace and joy he meant us to have.

### Message from the Pastor

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Bishops of Canada consecrated our church to the Blessed Mother Mary to begin the month dedicated in many ways to her. She is our mother and we ask her to pray for us during this time of pandemic. This week, we also pray and remember all of our mothers and ask our Lord Jesus to bless all mothers in a special way.

My mothers love lives forever in my heart and if your mom has gone, to Jesus we say a special prayer for you this week. To all moms, **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**, God Bless you and until I see you again I am sending the biggest virtual hug. God Bless, Fr. Mark

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

Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Ashling Reilly, Nicholas Lepone, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Austin Delaney, Edana Pelliccione, Angela Missaghian, and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

### **PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

905 881-2786 ext. 250

## BLESSINGS FOR ALL MOTHERS

We celebrate Mother's Day with all mothers of our world and mothers of our lives. You are cradled in the arms of the Great Mother. Be nurtured and nestled in the spiritual womb of this renewing love. May all that you have given for the sake of others be returned to you a hundredfold and more. Peace and Love be yours.

**O mothers**, one and all, some of you have carried your children in your womb. Others of you have welcomed babes in need of your attention who came to you from another birth mother. May the love you've poured forth return to you in plenitude.

**O mothers**, do not live in regret of what you wished you would have done, or what you did do and wished you had not. As you look back on your mothering, may you remember that you tried to do your best, given the circumstances.

**O mothers**, those of you for whom much of your life with your children is before you, do not imagine you can do this alone. Remember it takes a lot of leaning on the Divine Mother whose heart enfolds every mother and child. May you draw strength daily from her kindly sustenance.

**O mothers**, do not forget to care for yourself. Find what enriches and gladdens your heart. Be good to your body and spirit. Remember you are worthy of care and attention. May you have the vitality it takes to give generously of yourself.

**O mothers**, you who have gone on to another sphere of life, we welcome our memories of you and remember how much you mean to us. May the peace you now have flow into the weary and troubled hearts of mothers everywhere.

**O mothers**, for the countless times your hard work and generous self-giving was never thanked or acknowledged, was rejected or taken for granted, may you know yourself loved and appreciated today.

**O mothers**, we call today on the Divine Mother to draw you to her spacious heart, to replenish what needs revitalization in you. May you know her comfort, peace, and tender embrace. May you hear the Divine Mother's song of love humming within you. Amen.

Adapted from "Prayer Seeds": A Gathering of Blessings, Reflections, and Poems for Spiritual Growth, 2017 by Joyce Rupp

A Happy Mother's Day wishes for all Mothers, of all sorts, size and shapes... And, a prayer of thanks to our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary.

Antoinette



**NOTICE**

**OUR PARISH REMAINS CLOSED**

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to comply with the Government of Ontario’s 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.

**Good Shepherd Casserole Program**

The Good Shepherd Casserole program has been suspended due to the COVID-19 virus. They will however be providing bagged meals to the homeless 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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**Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions**

After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael’s Homes, a Share-Life funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, because of his recovery, he can now be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael’s Homes for saving his life.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Dr. Marina de Faria-Neves</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Trafford &amp; Osbert D’Sylva</b>
	Soul of <b>Ita Sutikno</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Pierre-Roch Coté</b>
Thursday	<b>Departed Soul</b>
Friday	<b>Departed Soul</b>

The following is an abbreviated version of Pope Francis’ prayer for May – the Month of Mary. This Mother’s Day we pray to our mother Mary to help us stay safe. The complete version can be found on the Vatican Web Site or you can email me for a copy. [natalie.doucet@sympatico.ca](mailto:natalie.doucet@sympatico.ca)

***PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY***

Our Mother Mary when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we seek refuge under your protection.

Turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew.

Protect and support all health workers and volunteers who are risking their lives to save others.

Be close to priests who are trying to support everyone.

Illumine the minds of those engaged in scientific research, that they may find solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions that are farsightedness Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one family and to recognize the bond that unites us. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. We entrust ourselves to you.

Amen.



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