

St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 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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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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God's Invitation

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will....Soon. God calls to us again: *Come back to me, with all of your heart.*

Ok, ok, I really will. Just a few more things to do at work. Let me pray a little and get to Reconciliation. Let me clean my oven, and sell my yoke of oxen. Check a field I have purchased. It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us. To *me* in a personal, individual way. God invites me to drop the defenses that I hold up between myself and God. All God wants is for me to realize that *my* standards, my way of judging and loving are so very different from God's way, and so much smaller. God offers an entire Lent season, an entire lifetime, of loving me unconditionally, no matter what I have done.

From the first day of Lent, the Ash Wednesday readings make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." "A clean heart create for me, O God," Psalm 51 offers. "Give me back the joy of your salvation." That is exactly what our loving God wants to give us, the joy of salvation.

God is the parent of the Prodigal Child, waiting faithfully, eagerly on the road for our return, night after night. There are no folded arms and stern judging stares, only the straining eyes of a parent eager for our return, longing to embrace us and rejoice in us. *Come back to me, with all of your heart.*

Our acceptance of this call, this appeal to our hearts is simple if we can only get beyond the fear. All we have to do is say to our Lord, "I'm here. Where do I start? Yes, I want to be with you." Our hearts have been opened and we have taken the first step toward the rejoicing parent on the road. No explanations are necessary, only to pause and picture in our hearts the joyfully loving and unblinking gaze of God that falls on us.

What is the next step on our journey home? We could take the earliest moments of our day, before we have gotten out of bed to thank God for such a loving invitation and ask for help in opening our hearts to it. We could remember throughout the day the invitation that has moved our hearts: *Come back to me, with all of your heart.* And we can rejoice along with God. That is the invitation of each day of Lent. Today is the day to accept it.

Creighton Online Ministries

Lent is a grace-filled time to take stock of our lives, recognise our sinfulness and avail of the window of opportunity this holy season provides for repentance. One of the greatest enemies of the moral life is putting things on the long finger and waiting until tomorrow to do something. Such a person is forever looking forward to the right moment and the golden opportunity that never arrives. Someone once said that life is what happens when something else is planned. The great mistake is to think that we are in control. All things considered, few of the really importance occurrences of any person's life are programmed. The truth is that the most significant things happen among the commonplace and when least expected. It is a risky business putting repentance off to a later date because we have no idea how long our moment of grace will last. At the close of every day, which is a God given gift and an opportunity to grow in grace, it is worth reflecting on what good we could have done and neglected to do.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday Soul of **Bienvenido Pangilinan**
- Tuesday Intentions of **John Lee**
Mass of Thanksgiving for Answered
- Prayers - **Lani Susanto**
- Wednesday Soul of **Odino Soligo**
- Thursday Soul of **Odino Soligo**
- Friday Soul of **Richard Jean**

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Leo Ceolin, Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Mike McCloskey, Magdalene Ki, Rosaria Lee, Denis Soares, Abraham Matias, Juliette Makari née Assal and John Brancati**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

March 20, 2022



**Knights of Columbus
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2022 Children's
Easter Drawing
Contest**

It is time for the 2nd Annual Children's Easter Drawing contest to create awareness of this Christian celebration in our young parishioners. Entries must be original and illustrate some aspect of **Christ's Resurrection on the first Easter Morning**. Submission deadline is noon April 23, 2022. Pickup an entry form with more information in the narthex and share your expressions of our faith. The chosen entries in the three categories will appear on our website & in our bulletin.



**Lenten Series 2022
"The Isolated Jesus"**

Date: Sunday, March 20
Time: 4:00 pm
Topic: "Jesus on Trial"
Preacher: Rev. Peter Lisinski,

Rev. Peter Lisinski was born in a refugee camp in Austria. His family immigrated to Canada in 1956. He and his wife Rosarie Tilley were married in 1973 and have two sons, Jonathan and Mark, two daughters, Rachel and Sarah and five grandchildren. Peter graduated from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1986. Prior to the beginning of his ministry at Thornhill Lutheran Church, he served in four Ontario congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

ZOOM link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/566527256?pwd=Y1NtZ09KR21qNENxYy9McEJwM2JCUT09>

Meeting ID: 566 527 256 Password: 011654



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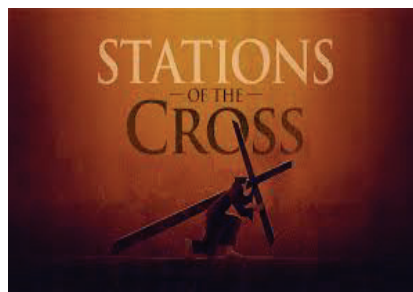
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The **8:45 choir** is now welcoming NEW members. If you are interested to sing praise to the Lord on Sunday 8:45 am Mass, please come to the lounge on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm for "**Join the Choir Day**" or visit the choir website for more details.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each **Friday morning** during Lent – **March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1 & 8** - for a journey along the Stations of the Cross beginning at **9:30am**.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



Tuesday, March 29th - following 7:00 pm mass
Wednesday March 30th – 9:30 am – 10:30am



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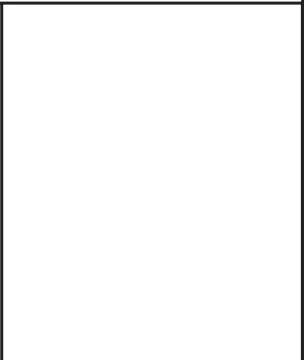
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