

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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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>



4th Sunday of Lent

“This hurts me more than it hurts you” is more than a parenting cliché uttered after delivering a just punishment; it is a deep spiritual truth about our Father in heaven. Sin does not just break a rule, it breaks a relationship, and it goes against reality. Sin does not keep God from loving us, but it does destroy our ability and capacity to receive and experience God’s love.

The first reading is a cause for celebration in the Book of Joshua. Israel is God’s child and their 40-year punishment has finally drawn to a close. It’s a new day and the Father is happy to begin a new chapter with His offspring. In the same way we see the Prodigal Son’s father welcoming him home, we see the Lord welcome Israel. It is in this same way that we are reconciled with God, who looks at us as a new creation. Though we are sinners, God views us as saints in the making. God’s mercy is unyielding and constant and His invitation to love and be loved by Him is eternal. This is why we “taste and see the goodness of the Lord” at every single Mass and in His sacramental Church.

The Father in today’s gospel is the picture of God, all the time watching, waiting and reaching out in love to his erring children with extraordinary warm-hearted forgiveness. There are no words to describe God’s goodness and how his presence gives courage and dignity to broken lives. Whether our hurts are great or small, his healing grace is stronger than sin and always there for the asking. No story tells us more about the extent of God’s compassion, the scope of his merciful love and the extraordinary length he has gone to, to restore our broken relationship with him. God holds no grudges. His power is in kindness and no sinner is ever written off or considered beyond redemption. While harsh judgement belongs to this world, infinite compassion belongs to God who never gives up on his family. The parable challenges us to act like the father and let people see in our own lives something of what God is like.

Reflect:

Why do you think the father held a celebration for the younger son rather than punish him? What would you have done?

Challenge:

Take ten minutes every night to reflect on the areas of that day you chose to walk away from God and the areas where you’ve failed to thank God. You may choose to write this down in a journal. Share some of their areas of thankfulness and struggles with a close friend and ask for their prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Souls of Elfredo Lobo & Don Fernandes
Tuesday	Soul of Jerry Ambrozic Soul of Harold Dionne
Wednesday	Soul of Gunter Lockwaldt
Thursday	Souls of Roma Song & Setbyul Park
Friday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua

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, Abraham Matias, Juliette Makari née Assal and John Brancati**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

“Vulnerable members of our community are replying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it’s crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part”

- Cardinal Thomas Collins -

Our parish goal is \$140,000.

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday using SL envelopes in the pew pockets or at sharelife.org

March 27, 2022



**Knights of Columbus
St. Luke's Council 4393
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, April 3
Time: 4:00 pm
Topic: "Jesus on the Cross"
Preacher: John Humphries

John Humphries is a Pastoral Associate at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, where he has been ministering for the past 14 years. The primary focus of his ministry is with children, as he coordinates the sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and first Communion. He also oversees the Children's Liturgy ministry and visits class at the schools. John studied business in university and did not discover his passion for the faith until he was 26, when he was baptized. Shortly after that, he began taking courses and eventually completed a degree in theology.

ZOOM link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/566527256?pwd=Y1NtZ09KR2>

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St. Luke's Parish has partnered with **Hallow** to provide every parishioner **FREE** access to all of **Hallow's** prayer content. – including the #Pray40 Challenge with exclusive prayer resources to enhance your Lenten journey. This Lent, unite yourself to Christ's suffering and deepen your relationship with God, meditate on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us and be God's love to others.

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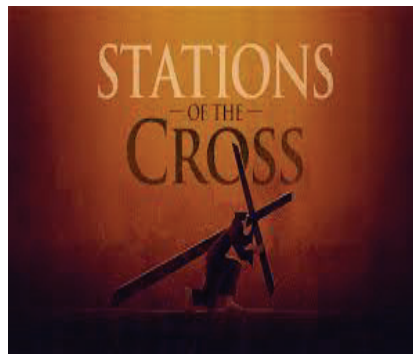
Prepare for Easter with their NEW Lenten Features, **DAILY REFLECTIONS** each day from "Fragments of Your Ancient Name" by bestselling author Joyce Rupp. In addition take a healing journey with **WEEKLY VIDEO** reflections as Sr. Miriam James Heidland helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity is much needed and appreciated.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



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



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.**

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday April 9, 2022 at 9:00am
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