

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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Palm Sunday



Each year on Palm Sunday, we read an account of the Passion of Jesus. As we listen to it, we are reminded of the cowardice of the followers who abandoned him in his greatest hour of need, of the wickedness of the religious leaders who plotted his death, and of the cruelty of the soldiers who carried out his execution. We are reminded of these things because we have a kinship with them, but that is not the purpose of the Passion reading.

The emphasis is on Jesus. What we are remembering is the fidelity, the courage, and the sheer goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of the Calvary, his goodness shines even more brightly. The day of his death is not called “Bad Friday” but “Good Friday”. What makes it good is the love of Jesus, “Greater love no man has than to lay down his life for his friends.” It is that love that we remember this week. It is the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and of life over death.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Philip Yogendra
Tuesday	Soul of Victorine Vieira Souls of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall Souls of Peter Sr & Peter Jr. Kielek Intentions of the Kerimov Family Soul of Aquino Tobias Soul of Joseph Hong
Wednesday	Soul of Osbert D’Sylva
Thursday	Holy Thursday
Friday	Good Friday

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

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

We Are Not Alone

One of the great challenges of our times is loneliness. Loneliness can be experienced by people of all ages but especially vulnerable are the youth and the elderly. It has become such a problem that some countries like Japan and the United Kingdom are now appointing ministers of loneliness.

One of the great strengths of our Christian faith is the assurance that we are never completely alone. It’s one of the many extraordinary and unique aspects of Christianity which we can take for granted and not really reflect upon.

Most religions propose a transcendent God – one to whom we must reach out to, rise up to. But in a revolutionary way, Christianity turns this schema on its head. Without losing his transcendence, our God took the initiative. As with the father of the prodigal son, he saw us from afar and came down to meet us where we are – part of the so-called “scandal” of which St Paul speaks – and now he makes his home in the very depths of our being, the temple of the Holy Spirit, as the Apostle mentions to the Corinthians.

What an extraordinary concept, at once comforting and fearful. If you really think about it, consider that in baptism, we conceive the Blessed Trinity in our being. It is our personal annunciation. And similar to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we bear the Divinity wherever we go. As St Augustine put it so beautifully, we have the assurance that Christ is “closer to us than we are to ourselves.”

So when we experience periods of isolation and loneliness it is important to consciously tap into the indwelling of God in our souls. As the Gospel of John underscores, he dwells in us, and we in him. But unlike sensible things, like hunger and pain, we’re not usually conscious of the divinity within. Therefore, we need to find a way of “practicing the presence of God”, as it is called. There are a great number of ways to do this but the simplest is to acknowledge God’s presence throughout the day with short prayers of welcome, praise and thanksgiving and to celebrate the sacraments as frequently as possible.

Regardless there will be times in our life when we feel sure God has let us down, that he is far away, that we are completely alone. As in the desert, the Tempter will whisper that God has abandoned us. In these moments, it is helpful to recall a time when we felt filled with Christ’s presence and to remember that same God continues to dwell within and has not gone anywhere.

God’s perceived absence can also be a sign of a maturing faith and an opportunity to love God as God has always loved us, unconditionally and to take on the yoke of Christ.
John Humphries.

April 10, 2022

Holy Week Schedule



April 10th – April 17th

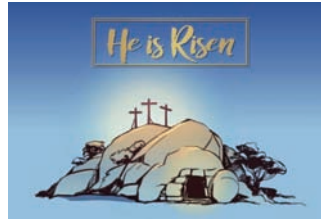
Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 10 - **5:00 pm**
Sunday, April 11 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**

Holy Thursday – April 14 – **7:30 pm** - *Mass of Our Lord's Supper including Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

Good Friday - April 15 - **10:30 am** - *Children's Way of the Cross and 3:00 pm* - *Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

Holy Saturday - April 16 - **8:00 pm** - *Easter Vigil Mass including Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates.*

Easter Sunday - April 17 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**



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.

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SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Our parish goal - \$140,000.00

Raised at the parish to date - \$19,016.00

The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife-funded that agency that helps seniors. Here's how your support of ShareLife is enabling their life-saving work:

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ShareLife agencies need our support.

We're Back!

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter Season, The CWL & Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council will be distributing Easter candies after each mass on Easter Sunday!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone & organizing many more exciting events in the months ahead.




The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is in need of volunteers. In particular, we need someone to audit our books and people to help with the Poor Box collection after Sunday Masses.

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