

# *St. Luke's Parish*

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*Christ is Risen!*



Easter is a time when all of nature is blooming, when newness of life seems to be standing on tiptoes eager to reveal itself. The death of winter has passed and everything in the world around us is reawakening. Like the first believers we come to the tomb expecting to find death but are surprised to discover a place where new life has begun. The good news is that the Risen Christ has launched a new power into the world, giving us hope and grounds for satisfying our deepest longings. This is a day to embrace the living presence of Christ who gives us a reason for living and a hope in dying. Easter holds out an invitation for all of us to open our hearts to the Risen Christ and allow change to take place in our lives. Easter is telling us to roll back the stone and let go, let go of the past and look to the future with renewed hope and begin again.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Maria Leone</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Herminigilda Peñoso</b> Soul of <b>Dexter Sarmiento</b> Soul of <b>Gord McMahon</b> Intentions of <b>Joanna Lanni</b> Soul of <b>Joe Hong</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Catalina Curcio</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Richard Farrell</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Elizabeth Gallivan</b>

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

**Easter Sunday**

Happy Easter! During this time of the year just as tulips bloom in the spring after a dark winter, the Easter season is an enthusiastic celebration of new life. As each flower sprouts from the ground, we are reminded of Jesus, our triumphant Saviour King, rising from the dead.

Tulips are a symbol of faith and forgiveness, and their colours also tell a story - white for Christ's innocence, purple for his royalty, and red for the blood he shed for us.

This Easter season in particular, feels like we've been waiting for it to arrive for past 2+ years. No, the pandemic isn't over, but it has felt as though we've been in the 'wilderness', in an extended Lenten season, for 2 years.

During an Easter season, after and during a global pandemic, how is God inviting us to notice and celebrate the beauty of new life, both in the world around us and in the corners of our hearts.

As we begin the second longest liturgical season, encompassing 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, will we think, act and live as though we're still in the 'wilderness', or will we allow Christ's Passion to transform us, and live this new life God invites us to?

As I go through my day, where do I notice new life? In nature, a relationship, a new passion? How can I cultivate a greater awareness of God's goodness in the small parts of my day?

I pray that these past 2 years, and as we continue to live during this global pandemic, that we allow God in this moment in time to completely transform us in every corner of our hearts.

**Reflect:**

If God was tending my heart as his garden, what flowers would he water and where would he prune?



*On behalf of Fr. Wen, Fr. John and the parish staff, we wish you all a very blessed & happy Easter Season.*

*God Bless, Fr. Mark*

April 17, 2022

# SL ShareLife

Helping the whole community  
through Catholic agencies

**Our parish goal - \$140,000.00**

**Raised at the parish to date - \$22,726.00**

“Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. However, we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve.” - Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thank you supporting ShareLife.

**The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1st**



## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, Catholic Churches throughout the world will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Come join us – everyone is welcome!**

The celebration will begin at 2:30 and consist of prayers, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the narthex for those who wish to pray the Novena beginning on Good Friday.



## Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 4393 2022 Children's Easter Drawing Contest

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Easter Drawing contest. Submission deadline is Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Entries must be original and illustrate some aspect of **Christ's Resurrection on the first Easter Morning.**

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.



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.

Please contact the parish office. Thank you.



**The Hike for Hospice** is a National Fundraising Event for families and friends to honour and remember their loved ones. Your participation supports the compassionate care and the magical moments at Hospice.

With a combined 62 years of providing support, Hill House and Hope House are thrilled to join together on this exciting community fundraiser!

## TWO OPTIONS

**In-Person Hike:** Sunday May 1, 2022 @ 11am (check-in 10am) start at Hill House Hospice 36 Wright Street, Richmond Hill

OR


**Virtual Hike:** Anytime and anywhere during the month of May

**HIKE INFORMATION:** Contact Nancy at Hope House 289-221-1861 or [n.brouillard@hopehousehospice.com](mailto:n.brouillard@hopehousehospice.com) or see the poster on our entrances & bulletin board

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