

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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This week's gospel reading tells of Jesus' third appearance to the disciples after his resurrection. The focus of the reading shifts to Peter when Jesus asks him the same question three times: "Do you love me?" No doubt, we have much in common with the ordinary men who became apostles. Like them, we too have denied Christ. Like them, we too seek his forgiveness and compassion. Like them, we too are called to follow Him with our whole heart.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Audrey MacEachern
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Intentions of Derek Chan Intentions of Philomena Turco Soul of Josette Fava Soul of William Samuel Letts Sr.
Wednesday	Intentions of Micaela Templeton
Thursday	Soul of Bernard Hannan
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: **Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Mike McCloskey, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Abraham Matias, John Brancati, Tita Mateo and Teresa Kim**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Doubting and Communion

'Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"'

It is fascinating to ask the question, "Why wasn't Thomas with the other ten that day of the Resurrection?" Was it that he was not afraid, as they were? Could it be that Thomas had decided - perhaps in his shock and grief - to separate himself from the others? After all, when the disciples were arguing if it was safe for Jesus to return to Jerusalem, it was Thomas who spoke up and said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16)

Could it be that his doubting was related to his being separated from the group? Could it be that our self-separating from others, especially the believing community, contributes to a weakening of our faith? It is often suggested that it is the other way around: "I began to have doubts and so I stopped going to church." Might it be that being out of communion, and the resulting loss of affection, has more to do with why we end up doubting? What Jesus does for Thomas' separation and doubts is what he did for the other disciples' fear. He gave him his peace. Jesus' peace calms our fears and it brings us back in communion.

Then Jesus helps Thomas - and us - by putting us back in touch with the story. "Come, look at my wounds and remember." Jesus does not give Thomas - or us - a theology lesson for our doubts. When we are out of touch, out of communion, we tend to forget the story. We tend to no longer remember how he loved us. To remember is to be filled with gratitude and affection. When we let Jesus love us, we are no longer afraid, we know he is with us, and there are no more doubts.

And then Jesus missions us. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The Father has sent Jesus for the mission of reconciliation. With the gift of his peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be people who forgive one another. If we do not forgive, sins are not forgiven. So, we are called to be forgivers. We are called to the ministry of reconciliation. We are called to be communion restorers and bridge builders.

Mindful of the wounds on his risen body, we are filled with a desire for communion with Jesus and we are placed in communion with one another, sharing his ministry of reaching out to the people on the margins, to those who have separated themselves and to those who are isolated and excluded.

Creighton Online Ministries.

May 1, 2022



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Luke's Parish is in need of volunteers. In particular, we need someone to audit our books and also people to help with the Poor Box collection after Sunday Masses. Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear and linens **the weekend of May 7-8th**. The trailer will be located in the NW corner of our parking lot & will be open from 8:00 am until 6pm on Saturday & from 8:00 until 2pm on Sunday.

Thank you for your donations and for assisting those most in need.

* We require 1 or 2 volunteers to assist at the trailer ½ hour before each mass to accept the donations & load the trailer to maximize the space.

** Please note **we do not accept** appliances, furniture (including baby furniture) mattresses, dishes, construction material, video tapes or books.

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Catholic Education Week 2022

begins on Sunday, May 1st. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of

publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week 2022 theme is: **"Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together."**

The Catholic Education Week 2022 biblical quote is: **"Behold, I make all things new."** (Revelation 21:5)

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On **Sunday, May 8th** the **Catholic Women's League** will be selling roses for Mother's Day. They will be \$2 for 1 rose and 3 roses for \$5.00. Proceeds will be going toward social justice programs the League has planned for this year.

Buy your Mother's Day flowers for mom at St. Luke's at all the weekend masses on the weekend of May 8th.

MOSAIC INTERFAITH with Temple Har Zion & The Enhancing Social Justice Education Group present a timely and important webinar –

OUR RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS:

Uses and Abuses

Monday May 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Learn about the meaning and importance of many of our religious symbols. It is also important for parents, educators, and law enforcement to learn how some of these symbols have been distorted and abused by extremist groups and hate mongers .. and how to tell the difference.

For a link to the webinar go to: www.harzion.ca



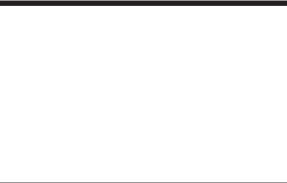
CROWNING OF MARY

While Mary, the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven."

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