

St. Luke's Parish

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Devotions - 8:30 A.M.

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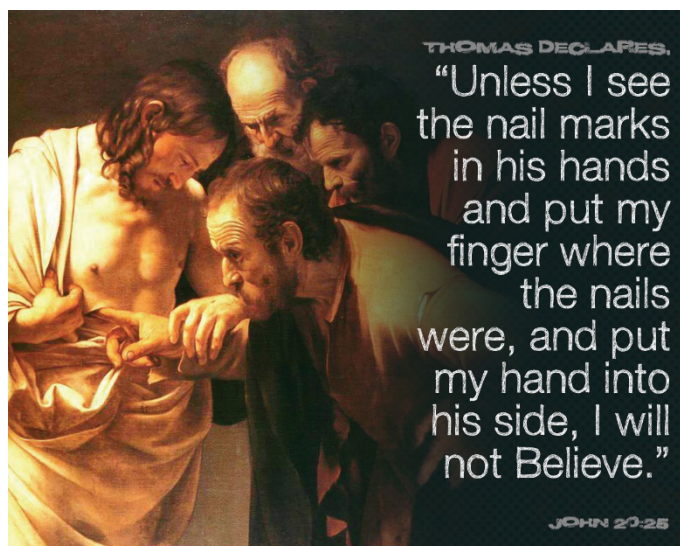
New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐

Divine Mercy Sunday



One week after Easter, today's gospel reading confronts the fundamental ingredient of all religions, faith.

Faith is simply trust in God. The Apostle Thomas is presented to us as a human with doubts, very much like us. He doubted that Jesus had risen from the tomb. The words that Jesus said to Thomas were meant for all of us: "Do not doubt but believe.....Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have come to believe.**"

Yes, there are times that we have difficulty in believing in heaven or in the plan of salvation, yet we still need to believe. We have been exposed to the deepest mysteries of God. We need to pray for faith. Faith is the one gift we can be sure of receiving if we ask. We worship our Lord because we have great faith. Blessed are we who have not seen but believe.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Rino Rizzo
Tuesday	Soul of Herminigilda Peñoso
	Soul of Dexter Sarmiento
	Soul of Tom Schmoll
	Soul of Angelo Capozzi
	Soul of George Hung
Wednesday	Soul of Gord McMahon
Thursday	Soul of Setbyull Park
Friday	Soul of Beverley Carty

Please pray for the sick in our community.

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Publico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke and Leslie Albert

Scar-borne Hands

A few weeks ago, I was walking around a local church with my 3-year-old daughter, and she caught sight of the Divine Mercy painting of the resurrected Jesus. She kept staring and pointing at the painting and I was wondering what she was pointing at when I realized she was pointing at the holes in Jesus' feet. I am not sure what she was thinking but they captivated her. Little did I know that 1 month later I would share her observation in the column that fell on Divine Mercy Sunday. God is amazing!

My daughter's observation caused me to reflect more deeply on the wounds of Christ and how fascinating it was that his resurrected and perfected body still carried its old wounds. One would think that they would have disappeared following his resurrection, but not only have they not disappeared, but Jesus invites greater attention to them by asking Thomas to place his fingers in them. This is in deep contrast to our present day society where every seeming imperfection is cosmetically altered or hidden.

Jesus appreciates the nature of Thomas' faith and meets him where he is giving him a tangible sign of God's love for him. This is nothing new as God has been giving tangible signs of his love for us through earthly symbols, miracles, and the saints from the very beginning, but up until this point, the signs were external to God's person. With the five wounds, the signs of God's love are incorporated into the Triune Godhead itself.

All the troubles of our world, our fears and anxieties are the result of not appreciating just how loved we are. We stubbornly hold to the belief that divine love must be earned or is only for the afterlife, but this is not true. When we are feeling anxious or distraught, we can remember that God's eternal love is to be received now: 'Peace be with you.' Heaven has come down and Jesus' love is real. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

All suffering received and inflicted on others is contained, transformed and healed within Jesus' five wounds, so we need not worry. Our imperfect love has been made perfect in the perfect love of God and we are invited to share in Christ's continuing work of transforming darkness into light, hatred into love by uniting our own wounds with God's.

Looking down at my daughter as she continued to stare at Jesus' wounds I whispered in her ear: "Those wounds are not going anywhere; they are filled with eternal love. Reach out, touch, and believe, those loving hands are all you will ever need." Amen.

John Humphries.

St. Luke's Youth Ministry

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DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

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

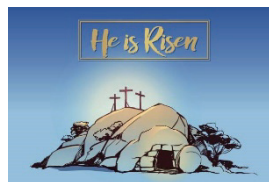
Come join us – everyone is welcome!

The celebration will begin at 2:45 and consists 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.

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Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 4393 2023 Children's Easter Drawing Contest

The deadline is quickly approaching for the 3rd Annual Children's Easter Drawing contest. Submission deadline is noon Saturday, April 22, 2023. 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.



ST LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Saturday, May 27, 2023
6:30 pm

It's back! Time again to join your fellow parishioners for a fun evening of great food & entertainment from around the world. More details to follow.



St. Luke's Catholic Women's League will be holding a general meeting on Wednesday, April 19th in the parish hall. New members are welcome!

Thank you to Patricia Sullivan from Orchid Florist who created the beautiful altar floral arrangement for our Easter celebrations. Much appreciated.

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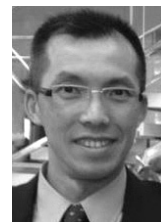
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