

ST. LUKE'S PARISH REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5 pm

DAILY MASS:

Monday-Saturday & Holidays 8 am

First Friday Mass is at 6:30 pm followed by an hour of adoration with benediction from 7-8 pm.

HOLY ROSARY

After morning Masses

CONFESSION

Monday-Thursday 7:40-7:50 am

Saturday 7:40 am to 7:50 am,

8:45 am to 9:30 am, 4:00 pm

to 4:20 pm

Sunday 8:10 am to 8:20 am,

10:10 am to 10:20 am, 4:40 pm

to 4:50 pm

By appointment. Contact the office.

MASS IN POLISH:

3rd Sundays, September-June, 3 pm

MASS IN SPANISH:

4th Sundays, April-October, 3 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours per day. Please ask at the office for information on how to access.



St. Luke Parish

Serving Pitt Meadows & West Maple Ridge

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Our gospel this Sunday sees Jesus being led into the desert. The gospel puts it rather more seriously than Jesus *being led* into the desert! It opens with the words, The Spirit *drove* Jesus into the wilderness and remained with him for forty days. Why was Jesus led or driven in to the desert? The desert in Jewish history is very important. When God freed and saved the People of Israel from slavery in Egypt, they spent forty years in the desert. They wandered and sometimes got lost as they tried to find their way to the Promised Land. This was not an easy journey for them. At times they lost faith in each other and in God. They forgot the promise that God made with them; *'I will be your God and you will be my people.'* As they made their way through the desert, many would have stopped travelling and settled near the closest oasis or watering hole. Some others would have joined others tribes and religions that they met on along the way.

Famously, when they were at their lowest, they made a statue of a golden calf and began to worship it. They had forgotten where they had come from, what God had done for them and lost sight of where God was leading them.

It is no surprise that we begin Lent with Jesus in the desert. Like his ancestors, he too is tried, tested and tempted. However, Jesus refused to give up or give in so quickly or so easily. Although our gospel for this Sunday is written by St. Mark, the gospel of St. Matthew gives us more information about what might have happened to Jesus. He is tempted with the false gifts of power, prestige and wealth. His power and identity come from God. Jesus knows who he is, where he comes from and where he is going on his own journey. He leaves the desert with these powerful words which he offers us today; *'The time has come, the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'* What is this Good News that Jesus asks us to hear and believe? It is the good news that each of us is created, loved and forgiven by God.

As we begin our own Lenten journey today, we need to recall and remember that we are not setting out on this journey on our own. God is with us walking by our side ... When we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus. He did not rely on his own strength. He turned to God and asked for help which he received. We will not be able to walk the Lenten journey on our own. We need to realise that like Jesus, we too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent as God was with Jesus when he was in the desert. God will never leave us alone.

Michael Moore OMI

Source: <https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-1st-sunday-lent/>

The Stations of the Cross Drama

St. Luke Youth Ministry is looking for youth grade 4+ for:

Narrators,
actors (no speaking parts)
singers,
stage crew



For the Stations of the Cross Drama on Good Friday March 29
Practices: Sundays of Lent beginning February 18 2:30 - 4 pm

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast— Sun., February 18 after the 8:30 am Mass.

Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage,
tea, coffee, and juice!

All are welcome!
By donation.



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"Catholic Conferences to bring high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ"

Friday, February 23, 2024

St. Luke Parish Youth Lounge
(portable 3)
7 - 10 pm

Come and check it out, even if you didn't get a chance to attend an information meeting.
Want the info? send us an email and we will forward you the meeting minutes.
youth@saintluke.ca or call/text Lisa @ 778-227-0030

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Maple Ridge



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:9



1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1.15



HELP THE HOMELESS



Join the Knights of Columbus in Helping the Homeless

Your participation is very simple:

1. Take a bag from the back of the church
2. Get the items listed below (or more)
3. Put them into the bag
4. Deliver to the parish on or before March 3rd at the back of the church or at the Parish office during the week

Suggested Items to include in a "White Bag Plastic Bag":
Pair of adult socks, Adult size toque, Pair of adult thermal gloves, Scarf, Granola or Chocolate Bar or Cookies, Mints or cough candies, Gift Card, Toothbrush, Hair Brush, Toilet paper, Hand wipes, Kleenex, Band-aids, or other things you would like to share such as a card with a message eg "You are loved".



REGISTER TODAY AFTER MASSES

What is Alpha? A series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people, ask questions, get introduced to Jesus, prayer, and what it means to live life as a disciple.

If you have a family member, coworker, friend age 18+ who is curious about faith and the basics of Christianity, invite them to join our Alpha series at St. Luke beginning **Monday, March 4** from **6:30—8 pm** at the parish family center hall. Register by contacting the parish office at 604 465 5383 or stlukes@telus.net by February 26.

Volunteers are also needed to help with various components of the Alpha

Pray for our seminarians this Lent

The Seminarian Prayer Calendar assigns each day of Lent to each of the young men in our Archdiocese who are preparing for the priesthood. Download the calendar :

https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2024-02-09/3n4w8k/897551/1707515749nlcsAgnh/Seminarian_Lenten_Calendar_2024.pdf

Second Collection: St. Joseph's Society

This Sunday's second collection supports our retired priests who have dedicated their entire life to the Church. Generous support from the community ensures a comfortable living environment, quality medical care, and other essential services for our retired priests. You can make a tax-deductible donation to St. Joseph's Society in-person at the parish or online at rcav.org/joseph.



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS: Parishioners are invited to join in a weekly devotion dedicated to praying for our priests and religious on **Thursdays 6:30 - 7:15 PM** in the adoration chapel. Prayer materials will be provided.

Please Pray for the Sick

Aljon Labuanan, Marivic Bano, Linda McLaughlin, Ellen McBride, Evangelina Silva, Joel S, Denise Kruger, Mike G., Margaret Eek, Patti Swinburn, Austin Kennedy, Alan Fitterer, Marcel Renaud, Jim Brown, Jared Casey, Derek Doucette, Petr Plesner, Nikki Marie, Denise Sharp, Tracy Tripp, Ciara Connolly, Kratos Walton, Helena Seifried, Shirley Ewart, Jill Anderson, M.J., Ann Anzulovich, Felix Lucarino, Rosalie Lucarino, Clara Gustafson, Raphael, Laura Welton, Sherry Lloyd, Amy Levitsky, Mary Young, Rudy Reffgen, Charlene M., Peter H. Tampus, Maria Stradiotto, Sharleen Meadows, Millie Santos, Stephanie, Patricia C., Claire Pratt

Names not on this list have been moved to the chapel list. If you would like your name removed from the list, please contact the parish office.

**Mary, Health of the Sick,
Pray for Us**

Mass Intentions

February 19 – 24, 2024

Mon 8:00 AM Cathy Albrecht
 Tue 8 AM Daphne Westphal†
 Wed 8 AM Vincenzo † and Lida † Rossetti
 Thur 8 AM Joseph Nguyen Van Tuyeh†
 Fri 8 AM Jacinto † and Juanita † Raquino
 Sat 8 AM Carolina Mendest†

**2nd Sunday of Lent—
February 25, 2024**

Sat 4:30 PM Jeremias Pacheco †
 Sun 8:30 AM Abilo Raposo
 Sun 10:30 AM Parishioners Living and Deceased†
 Sun 5 PM Margaret Niven †

Requests for 2024 Masses will now be sent to Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster.



Coffee & Conversations

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS ON SUNDAYS AFTER 8:30 AM MASS AT THE PFC HALL

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

February 10 & 11, 2024:

Envelopes: \$5,981.25

Loose: \$53.00

January 2024 PAD: \$15,450.00

Thank you for your kind support without which we would be unable to minister to the people of this community. May God bless you all.

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Learn from Augustine Institute professors Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein about the purpose of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it can be such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



Lent with Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis to learn and pray in this grace-filled time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving!



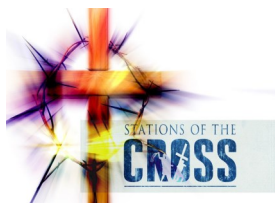
Start your Lent in beauty and truth!

Let this be the year you strive for wholehearted repentance in areas you might've held back previously. Spend a few minutes each day revolutionizing your family's understanding of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Pray the Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 6:30 pm
February 16—March 22



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP IN THE CHURCH

Church cleaning: On Friday mornings after the 8 AM Mass. For more information or to offer your assistance, contact the parish office or just show-up after Mass on Friday mornings.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 19 Closed for Family Day
Tuesday, February 20 9 AM—1 PM

LIFE COMPASS SOCIETY

Tri-Cities, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FEB. 10, 11, 17, & 18

2023 Income Tax Receipts

Donation tax receipts for 2023 are now available in the vestibule of the church. On weekdays, the receipts can be picked up from the office. Project Advance receipts for donations made through the parish will also be included in the envelope.

Some envelopes have been mailed directly to parishioners, if you cannot find your envelope in the vestibule, please check with the parish office.

MISSION

Help to restore a culture of life.

INVOLVEMENT

- ◆ Life Chain
- ◆ Pro-Life Sunday
- ◆ 40 Days for Life
- ◆ Hike, Bike and Run4Life
- ◆ Blooms Into Rooms
- ◆ March For Life Victoria
- ◆ Facebook Non-profit Page
- ◆ Life Canada website



MEMBERSHIPS

\$10.00 a year or \$25 for 3 Years

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2024 Campaign:

Evening Zoom Rosary

- From Wednesday, February 14 until Sunday, March 24, 2024
- Nightly at 8:00pm
- Register on Behold Vancouver
- 40 Days For Life: Nightly Rosary

Mid-way Rally

- Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00pm (Details TBA)


Closing Rally

- Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00pm (Details TBA)

40daysforlife.com/en/vancouver-bc @40DaysVancouver
Coordinator: Alba Stevens
Email: Vancouver40days@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

FEBRUARY 25 AFTER 5 PM MASS



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