

# ST. LUKE 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.



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"  
John 2:16



# St. Luke Parish

Serving Pitt Meadows & West Maple Ridge

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3rd  
Sunday  
in Lent  
March 3

The liturgy for the 3rd Sunday of Lent invites us to contemplate the Gospel scene often called the "purification" or cleansing of the Temple. The other evangelists show us this event taking place during Jesus' final week in Jerusalem, when he brings to fulfilment the mission he had received from the Father, while John places it at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

By driving the sellers and money-changers out of the Temple, Jesus recalls the prophetic words of Zechariah: "there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day" (*Zech* 14:21). The Jews who witnessed this dramatic event realized it was a symbolic gesture, and asked for

a sign to show he is acting in God's name and power, as a true prophet.

Jesus offers a sign that no other prophet could: the Cross and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The meaning of these words will be revealed only at the Resurrection, when the disciples "remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken."

Jesus' Cross and Resurrection will open a new way to worship God. The place for encountering God will no longer be the Temple but the risen and glorified Body of Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, where all mankind is united.

A few chapters later in John's gospel, Jesus will tell the Samaritan woman: "believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father ... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him" (*Jn* 4:21-23).

Saint Paul refers to this new form of worship when he says "you are God's temple" (*1 Cor* 3:16), and above all when he exhorts Christians to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to God (cf. *Rom* 12:1). In this new "spiritual worship," those united to Christ adore and give glory to the living God.

After the cleansing of the Temple, the evangelist says that "many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did," but that Jesus did not trust himself to them because he "knew what was in man."

Jesus' purification of the Temple reminds us today of the need to purify our faith, to once again ground our life on the God who shows us his power and infinite love on the Cross, the source of our salvation. Only by passing through the Cross will we reach the glory and joy of the Resurrection.

<https://opusdei.org/en-ca/gospel-commentary-on-the-gospel-cleansing-of-the-temple/#:~:text=Jesus%20purification%20of%20the%20Temple,and%20joy%20of%20the%20Resurrection.>

## Pray the Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 6:30 pm  
March 8 & 22

Friday, March 15 6:00 pm  
Penitential Service  
to follow beginning  
at 6:45 pm



## BEGIN THE JOURNEY... ALPHA STARTS TOMORROW

The Alpha team is excited to be offering the Alpha series beginning tomorrow, **Monday, March 4 from 6:30—8 pm** at the parish family center hall.

You can still register by contacting the parish office at 604 465 5383 or [stlukes@telus.net](mailto:stlukes@telus.net). Making a last minute decision? You are welcome to attend.



## Come Back to Me...

While reconciliation is what God does, receiving it and celebrating it are what we do. For Catholics, the sacrament of reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's reconciliation. We used to think of this sacrament as only about confession—it was like a dumping ground for our sins where we were forgiven and had to pay a toll. One of the great recoveries in our Christian history is the rediscovery of the meaning of this sacrament.

It is God who forgives sins. God forgives us the very moment we realize we need forgiveness, which itself comes through God's grace. At that moment, we feel sorrow and a desire for forgiveness and healing, and we are reconciled with God. The reunion, the bond, the connection, and the joy are all there. Three more things remain: forgiveness and healing deep within our heart, celebration of that forgiveness, and participation in the healing process.

When I experience God's forgiveness and love, I am touched deeply. Experiencing compassion,

patience, understanding, and forgiveness is itself transforming. If I fail to appreciate what I have just received freely and undeservedly, then I will take it for granted and risk moving on without real healing.

We need to celebrate the reconciliation we have received. In the sacrament of reconciliation—individually or in common—we have the wonderful opportunity to ritualize that celebration. In the sacrament, our personal journey is joined with the mystery of God's saving love, as seen in the Scriptures and in God's desire to save us all. This is deeply personal. There, in ritual form, even if it is just us and the priest, we step forward and admit that we are sinners, express our sorrow, and name the places in our life where God is shining a light into what we have done and what we have failed to do. Then God's forgiveness is proclaimed out loud for us to hear and rejoice in: "May God give you pardon and peace."

Part of the sacrament of reconciliation is healing. Often that will simply be prayer. Often expressing our gratitude to God is one of the most important

steps on the road to recovery from our independence from God. Sometimes, we will need to practice a therapy that is more carefully focused on making choices about what I can practice doing and what I can practice avoiding.

May our Lord grant us all the gift of reconciliation, and may we all receive it and celebrate it well in the holy days ahead. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/sacraments/reconciliation/celebrating-reconciliation/>

### Penitential Service at St. Luke Parish Friday, March 15

6:45 pm Prayer Service  
7:00 pm Individual Confessions

Regular confession schedule continues with additional confession times:

Thursday, March 28 9:30—10:30 am  
Friday, March 29 9:30—10:30 am  
Saturday, March 30 9:30—10:30 am

By appointment. Contact the parish office.

### Please Pray for the Sick

Scott Graves, Elimar Santos, Grazyna, 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*

### SUNDAY OFFERINGS February 24 & 25, 2024:

Envelopes: \$3397.50  
Loose: \$132.00

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.



### Last Weekend to Donate to the Help the Homeless Campaign



This is the last weekend to support the Help the Homeless Campaign sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10889 at St. Luke. Please drop off your packages and any donations of clothing items in good condition at the church vestibule or parish office by **Monday, March 4.**

A special thank you from the Knights of Columbus and the recipients at the HUB and STORM who have benefitted greatly from your generosity.

### Mass Intentions

**March 4 – March 9, 2024**

Mon 8:00 AM Mary† & Patrick† Kennedy  
Tue 8 AM John McGarry†  
Wed 8 AM Martin Tran  
Thur 8 AM Judy Beecroft†  
Fri 8 AM Carlos Silva†  
Sat 8 AM Jose Maria Rivera†

**4th Sunday of Lent—  
March 10, 2024**

Sat 4:30 PM Gerry Giannandrea†  
Sun 8:30 AM Mary Lima Raposo†  
Sun 10:30 AM Parishioners Living and Deceased†  
Sun 5 PM Liz Rodgers†

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



**BACKPACKS  
NEEDED -  
NEW OR  
USED**

The CWL is collecting backpacks in good and clean condition. They will be donated to our local migrant farm workers for use when they cycle to the fields or supermarket. Backpacks can be put in the marked collection box in PFC entryway or church vestibule or call Lynn Whalen 604 465-7376. Thank you for your support in helping the workers feel welcomed.

Help with church cleaning on Friday mornings after the 8 am Mass. All welcome!





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIORS

The CWL invites all parishioners to join them in wishing Happy Birthday and a year blessed with good health and happiness to the seniors of our parish celebrating their birthdays in March through a special mass on Tuesday, March, 19 at 8 AM.

Angelo Masara  
Ann Hayes  
Artur Ramos  
Benjamin Knappett

Bill Dumas  
Claudia Finamore  
Cynthia Isaac  
Dioclecio Soares  
Doug Francis  
Nelen Carras  
Janet Grant  
John Nykoluk  
Jozef Kowalik  
Larry Nikula  
Louise Kinsey  
Margaret Gallinger  
Maria Lohrasb  
Modesto Dy  
Noreen Dyke  
Pamela Philippe  
Rae Paulowski



Richard Whalen  
Roberto Isaac  
William Husdon

**Have we missed your birthday?** Please contact the parish office to update your information. Happy Birthday to any of our 65+ parishioners that we have missed.



Travel with Mark Hartfiel and over twenty guest speakers to the Holy Land on a

journey to enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. This first season is focused upon the Sorrowful Mysteries.



## Journey with Christ this Lent

*"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."*  
-Mother Teresa

This Lenten season, learn what prayer is and how it can enrich your spiritual life as we journey each week through the Compendium of the Catholic Church's section on Prayer.

### 536. How is Abraham a model of prayer?

Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Besides, after having received in his own tent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence.

### 537. How did Moses pray?

The prayer of Moses was typical of contemplative prayer. God, who called to Moses from the burning bush, lingered in conversation with him often and at length, "face to face, like a man with his friend" (*Exodus 33:11*). In this intimacy with God, Moses attained the strength to intercede tenaciously for his people: his prayer thus prefigured the intercession of the one mediator, Christ Jesus.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html)

**MARCH**  
YOUTH SCHEDULE

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS REHEARSALS:**  
SUNDAYS 3,10,17,24 2:30- 4 PM (GR 4+)  
JR. YOUTH: MONDAY 4TH 6:30 - 8 PM (GR6+)  
ALL AGE: SUNDAY 10TH 6- 7:30 PM (GR6+)  
AFTER 5 PM MASS FOR DINNER & FUN  
SR. YOUTH MONDAY 18TH 6:30-8PM (GR 9+)

## 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

### Altar Server Holy Week Practices

Saturday, March 24 @ 12:30 pm  
For Holy Thursday & Good Friday

Sunday, March 30 @ 1:00 pm  
For the Easter Vigil

Boys & Girls ages 8+ who have received First Holy Eucharist

Our "Amen" is important because that one word means so much, particularly at Holy Communion. First, it is our assent of faith that we believe Jesus Christ is present in the Host we receive, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

**In the Footsteps of Christ  
Our Lady of the Assumption  
Parish Mission**

**Monday, March 4, Tuesday,  
March 5, Wednesday, March 6**



**7 pm Mass (no homily)  
7:30 pm Parish Mission  
Talk by Fr. Chrysostom  
Baer, O. Praem.**

For more information

[www.assumptionofmary.ca](http://www.assumptionofmary.ca)

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries is conducting a research survey that explores the experiences of Canadian congregants living with mental health challenges, attitudes towards and beliefs about mental illness and mental health challenges in Canadian churches, and the congregational supports and resources related to supporting mental health and wellbeing.



We are inviting you to take up to ten to fifteen minutes this week to fill out an anonymous online survey at [ca1.se.voxco.com/SE/90/](http://ca1.se.voxco.com/SE/90/)

**Estate & Memorial  
Planning Webinar**

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is presented by Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The next session is on Thursday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events).

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