

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.



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Serving Pitt Meadows & West Maple Ridge

Parish Priest: Fr. Edwin Kulling

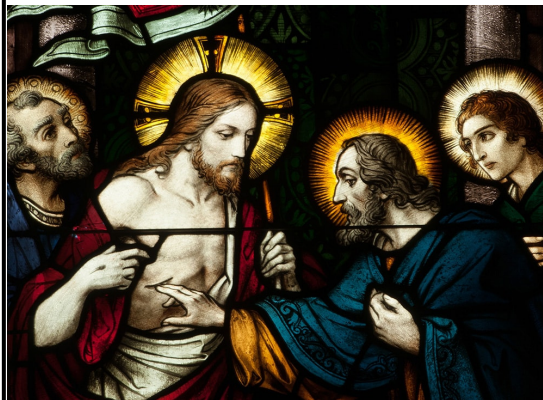
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The second part of the Gospel (verses 24-29), presents the fearless apostle St. Thomas as in his uncompromising honesty demanding a personal vision of, and physical contact with, the risen Jesus as a condition for his belief. Thomas had not been with the Apostles when Jesus first appeared to them. As a result, he refused to believe. This should serve as a warning to us. It is difficult for us to believe when we do not strengthen ourselves with the fellowship of other believers. When the Lord appeared to Thomas later, He said: "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed." The story of Thomas highlights the importance of signs (as we have seen all along in John), but also their limitations in terms of bringing people to Faith. Interestingly, there is

never a mention of Thomas touching Jesus' wounds as he had said he needed to do; his encounter with the risen Lord is apparently sufficient to bring him to Faith. Thomas was able to overcome his doubts by seeing the risen Jesus. Modern Christians, who are no longer able to "see" Jesus with their eyes, must believe what they hear. That is why Paul reminds us that "Faith comes from hearing" (Rom 10:17). "This Gospel shows us that Faith comes in different ways to different people. The beloved disciple believes upon seeing the empty tomb (v. 8). Mary [Magdalene] believes when the Lord calls her name (v. 16). The disciples must see the risen Lord (v. 20). Thomas says that he must touch the wounds (v. 25)—although that need evaporates once he sees the risen Christ (v. 28). People find various routes to Faith." (www.lectionary.org). Thomas uses the mind God has given him and says that he must have some proof before he can believe this incredible claim. Christian Faith is not just a mindless assent to certain beliefs without thinking—it has a solid basis in rationality, and this effort to explain and understand such claims is the basis of theological exploration, and of Christian philosophy (Dr. Murray).
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-04/sunday-reflections-28-april-2019.html>



2nd Sunday of
Easter

April 7, 2024

"Thomas answered Him,
"My Lord and my God!"
Jn. 20.19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday Sunday, April 7

Opening Prayers: 2:45 pm

Hour of Mercy Begins: 3 pm



As the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that Jesus said:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

St. Faustina's Diary 699

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 April through a Mass for their intentions on Monday, April 29 at 8 AM.

Fr. Edwin Kulling
Mathew Ball
Renee Carter
Darrel Stepan
Mieke Dailey

Adrian Kopystynski
Sheila Pace
Theresa Dopf
Linda Conolly
Gustavo Bonnet
Yves Chinnapan
Vicki Sullings
Marguerite Watkins
Nicki Pukesh
Jim Disdero
Maria Barbosa
Barbara Billette
Brenda Bochenek
Paul Rosatone
George Bochenek
Roy Dyke
Maria Pacheco
Olga Spindor



John Sousa
Harold Carver
Winnie Van Der Pauw
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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day

CWL members are reminded that April 26th is the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Celebrate with 8:00 am Mass followed by a no host breakfast at Ricky's Country Restaurant 20110 Lougheed Hwy. Maple Ridge. Must RSVP by April 21st. Questions? Please call Lynn at 604 465-7376.

Looking for Tea-pots

We are looking for donations of useable tea pots [no cracks]. Please drop them off at the parish office until May 1.



Mass Intentions

April 8 – 13, 2024

Mon 8:00 AM Joseph Nguyen Van Tuyen†
Tue 8 AM Martin Tran
Wed 8 AM Hijinio Lopez Jr. (birthday)
Thur 8 AM Jackie Borhaven
Fri 8 AM Adelaida Barretto†
Sat 8 AM Anthony Palma (health)

3rd Sunday of Easter— April 14, 2024

Sat 4:30 PM Mary White†
Sun 8:30 AM Henk & Anne DeGunst (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Sun 10:30 AM Parishioners Living and Deceased†
Sun 5 PM Elnora Rubio (birthday)

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

Thank You for Your Dedication at the Easter Services

Altar servers, choirs, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, church beautifiers, ushers, RCIA team, parish staff, Youth Ministry, church cleaners, and all other volunteers who helped make our services beautiful celebrations of faith.

Fr. Edwin Kulling

Please Pray for the Sick

Victoria & Bob Muckle, 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*

Welcome to Our Neophytes

(New Catholics)



We are happy to welcome James McGill, Myriah McGill, Preet Parmar, and Conor Johnson who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

God's Blessings on receiving the sacraments of entry into the Catholic Church. May the Holy Spirit guide you on your journey as a member of our Church, and may it be filled with peace and happiness.

YOUTH MINISTRY DINNER

IT'S MAC AND CHEESE NIGHT
SUNDAY APRIL 14 AFTER 5 PM MASS
IN THE PFC



Alleluia!

THE TOMB IS
EMPTY. HE IS
RISEN



Jr Youth (Gr 6+)
Monday April 8...meet in the
Youth Lounge 6:30 pm
Sr youth are always welcome!!



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

March 30 & 31, 2024:

Envelopes: \$9,727.00

Loose: \$229.40

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.

CWL Hanging Baskets Fundraiser—\$40 Each

To order call Nicki at 604 460 0201 or by email nicki.p@shaw.ca.



The CWL awards two (2) \$750 bursaries and the hanging baskets are our fundraiser toward the two bursaries. You are getting a value product, beautifying your home, and helping St. Luke 's CWL.

Journey with Christ

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.

546. How did the Virgin Mary pray?

Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

547. Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel?

Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfillment of the divine promises.

https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

"As Mother of God and Mother of the Church, Mary prays in and with the Church at every decisive moment of salvation history. Let us entrust to her every moment of our own lives, and let her teach us the need for prayer, so that in loving union with her Son we may implore the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the spread of the Gospel to all the ends of the earth."

Benedict XVI



St. Vincent's Corner

Your generosity in food and money donations make it possible for us to put together generous hampers for families in our community who struggle with food insufficiency. Here is the heartfelt testimonial from a Mother of a Family of 7 after receiving a hamper in March:



Everything is amazing! We'll eat every single thing – just incredible! I can't thank you enough. So many eggs and pasta and fruit and vegetables. I could cry right now! Thank you! Bread, meat and even flour. I have been wanting to bake and flour hasn't been in the budget. So Just so many thank yous!

As you can see, your donations are much appreciated – and it is our privilege to serve on behalf of St. Luke's parish.

There will be St. Vincent de Paul donation envelopes available in the vestibule this weekend and next. 100% of all money collected will be used to purchase food. Many thanks for your on-going support.

The St. Vincent de Paul Team



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<https://watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-with-fr-michael-gaitley>



BOTTLE DRIVE



Support the Steubenville Youth in their Journey to Spokane by donating your bottles and cans!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
8 AM - 12 PM
ON THE PARISH FIELD

Contact stlukesyamin@gmail.com for larger loads

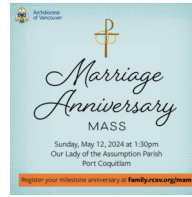


Join us for Coffee & a Light Lunch

Are you a senior in the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows area? Are you a family member or caretaker for a senior in our area? Are you just interested in what services are offered for seniors in our community? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are invited to join us for coffee and a light lunch on **April 17, 2024** at the Parish Family Centre starting at **12:00 pm**.

Hear from representatives of Community Services, Community Response Network, and The Men's Shed to explore their services to enhance your livability!

There is no cost for this session and registration is not required.



Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Registrations received by Friday, April 19, will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.

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