

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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

"Jesus took the loaves,
and...he distributed them."

Jn.6.1-15



St. Luke Parish

Serving Pitt Meadows & West Maple Ridge

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also

anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungry are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the de-

tail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/17th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

Summer Office Hours

Mon., August 5
Closed for BC Day

Tues., August 6—
Fri., August 9
9am—1pm

August 12—31
9am—4:30pm

Mass Intentions

July 29—August 3, 2024

Mon 8 AM Souls in Purgatory†
 Tue 8 AM CWL Senior July Birthdays
 Wed 8 AM George and Karen Nichols
 Thur 8 AM Mel Greencorn
 Fri 8 AM Martin Brown†
 Fri 6:30 PM Rita de Croost† / Guard of Honour
 Sat 8 AM Ronald Edwards†

August 4, 2024—18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat 4:30 PM Cirila Macaventa†
 Sun 8:30 AM Mary Lima Raposo†
 Sun 10:30 AM Parishioners Living & Deceased†
 Sun 5 PM Damaso Francisco†
Mass intention request for 2024 will be sent to Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster.

Please Pray for the Sick

Roisin Donovan, John Nykoluk, Lana Lipsett, Joan Whalley, Ray P., Paul Rosatone, Victoria & Bob Muckle, Elimar Santos, Grazyna, Aljon Labuanan, Marivic Bano, Linda McLaughlin, Ellen McBride, Evangelina Silva, Joel S, Denise Kruger, Mike G., Margaret Eek, Austin Kennedy, Marcel Renaud, Jim Brown, Petr Plesner, Nikki Marie, Denise Sharp, Ciara Connolly, Kratos Walton, Helena Seifried, Shirley Ewart, Jill Anderson, M.J., Ann Anzulovich, Felix Lucarino, Rosalie Lucarino, Claire Pratt, Clara Gustafson, Raphael, Laura Welton, Sherry Lloyd, Amy Levitsky, Mary Young, Rudy Reffgen, Charlene M., Peter H. Tampus, Maria Stradiotto, Sharleen Meadows, Stephanie, Claire Pratt, Danny Spindor

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

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

July 20 & 21, 2024:

Envelopes: \$3,419.50

Loose: \$59.00

Donating to the parish is easy! Contact the parish office for information on parish envelopes, credit card donations, PAD, or online giving.

*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.*

With Grateful Appreciation for Years of Service

Some may say the end of an era has arrived as we bid farewell to a longtime employee, volunteer, and friend to many, Aryette Nuqui. Aryette has dedicated her life to the service of pastors, parishioners, and guests of the parish. For more than 30 years, Aryette worked as a housekeeper under Fr. Neumann and Fr. Abundo, and parish caretaker under Fr. Mario and Fr. Edwin. Always on the move, she has been a dedicated employee and faithful volunteer often going beyond her responsibilities in assisting parish ministries and parishioners. Her hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment have been noticed by all whether Aryette was cleaning, watering gardens, doing sacristans duties, leadings hymns at morning Mass, burning palms, helping at parish events, etc.... It seemed like she always here. Always ready to lend a helping hand, her gift of service was experienced by all. But, the time has come for Aryette to sit, relax, and enjoy her well-deserved rest from work as she embarks on a new journey in retirement.

These few words can hardly describe the myriad of ways Aryette served the parish, nor contain the depth of gratitude from pastors, staff, parishioners, and visitors for her dedication. Together, let us pray for God's abundant blessings of good health, love, peace, and joy as Aryette begins this new stage in her life.



"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25.23

Expressions of gratitude can be brought to the parish office until August 15.

Is God calling you to serve?

Catechists and assistants are needed for the 2024/2025 PREP year. Contact Lisa: PREP@saintluke.ca

Information session August 14, 2024 at 7 pm in portable 4. Perhaps you aren't ready to commit to being a catechist, assistants are also needed.



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Come journey with a committed team who will guide, teach, explore, pray, and walk beside you as you learn the beliefs and practices of the Church. This is adult faith formation starting September 19, 2024 and running through to June 2025. Contact the parish office at 604-465-5383 or stlukes@telus.net



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Support the 2024 Parish Picnic

**Sunday, September 15
 11:30 am —2:30 pm**

Sign-up on the sheets in the vestibule if you are planning to attend.

Donations gratefully accepted. Please use the envelopes available in the vestibule and drop your donation in the collection box.

Stewardship Reflection
July 28, 2024 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" —John 6:9

The miracle of the loaves and fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts were given to us for a reason— no gift is too small or insignificant!

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Fr. John Riccardo leads these DVD sessions, proclaiming the Gospel message in a vibrant, explosive manner that touches hearts and transforms lives. Each session will feature a meal, video and table group conversation. There are two options available to accommodate busy schedules: Evening sessions will begin on **Monday, September 16th from 6:30 – 8:30** and daytime sessions will begin on **Wednesday, September 18th, following morning Mass from 8:45 – 10:45**. Join us for good food and conversation, and dynamic proclamation of the Gospel! All adults and teens are welcome.

**For more information call Dale Maingot:
 (604) 789-9205**

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St. Luke Goal \$45,200

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- *Pre-assigned donation envelopes for previous donors
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<https://support.rcav.org/project-advance/> or saintluke.ca

Donation envelopes can be found in the church vestibule and returned to the collection box or parish office.

DONATIONS: \$18,060

Thank you for your support of Project Advance 2024

Journey with Christ—The Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father”

Learn what prayer is and how it can enrich your spiritual life as we journey each week through the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church’s section on Prayer.

581. What place does the Our Father have in the prayer of the Church?

The *Lord’s Prayer* is the prayer of the Church *par excellence*. It is “handed on” in Baptism to signify the new birth of the children of God into the divine life. The full meaning of the *Our Father* is revealed in the Eucharist since its petitions are based on the mystery of salvation already accomplished, petitions that will be fully heard at the coming of the Lord. The *Our Father* is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Hours.

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Volunteer for Gardening

If you can spare some time, we have many areas needing some watering. Contact the parish office if you are able to help 604 465 5383 or stlukes@telus.net.

The Stations of the Cross Garden is in need of some TLC to weed, water, and refresh the bark mulch. Invite a couple of friends and spend an afternoon serving the Lord and the parish. Contact the office for more information on how you can help.

Annual Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady in Mission

St. Joseph's Parish (Mission) invites you to the **Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** at historic **Fraser River Heritage Park** (7494 Mary Street, Mission) to celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** in honour of Our Lady, on Saturday, **August 17, 2024 at 1:00 pm**. Main Celebrant will be the Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver.

Confessions will be heard on site **between 10 am and 1 pm**. After Mass, procession to the Grotto where the Rosary is prayed and then Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by time for picnic and fellowship. Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. For bus information email: info@aquinasinstitute.ca. See official poster in the vestibule. Visit www.MissionGrotto.com.



August 2 First Friday Mass & Adoration 6:30 pm



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