

ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

9am Friday 8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday or by appointment

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

7 April 2019

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection

by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

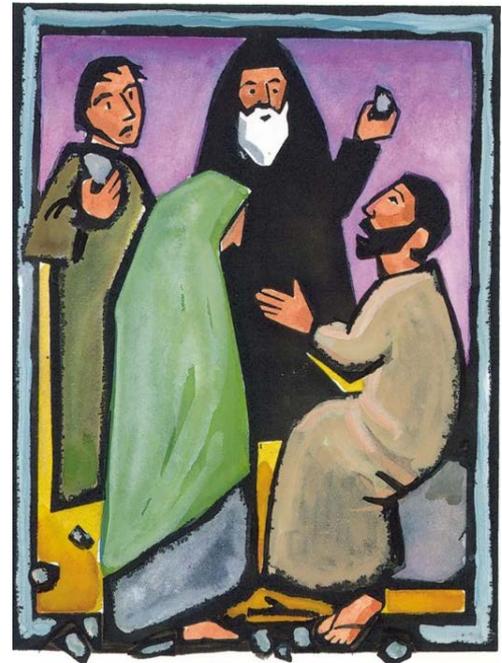
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Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at

her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust. It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour. Up till now, no-one has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future. We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences? 'The eyes have it.'

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HYMNS

ENTRANCE

From Ashes to the Living Font

From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

Our grave split open, bring us back,
your promise to proclaim;
to darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"
and glorify your name.

OFFERTORY

446 We Remember

Refrain:

We remember how you loved us
to your death,
and still we celebrate,
for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people,
and hold them to your heart.

Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy,
the Presence of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING:

442 In Faith and Hope and Love

Refrain:

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map our road
To the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

Lent is a time of **restraint and simplicity** in
the life of the Church. It is recommended that
music is kept to a minimum.

On Sunday we will acknowledge the Lenten
solemnity by omitting the Recessional
Hymn. This will encourage us all to leave the
Church reflectively, in the spirit of Lent.

NOTICES

LENT WEEK 5: *Encountering*

God of infinite goodness, we give thanks for your tender care for us. Help us turn to you, list us up when we stumble and fall, and set us gently back on the path that leads to you. We ask this through Jesus Christ who showed such loving compassion towards sinners.

Amen.

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PSALM 126



EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday

5pm

Good Friday

3pm

Easter Sunday

8am



Thank You from Monsignor Peter

A big thank you from Monsignor Peter to all those who assisted with and attended the morning tea celebration last Sunday. It was a wonderful gathering of not only the St Luke's community, but many past parishioners and friends of Monsignor Peter's. Thank you!

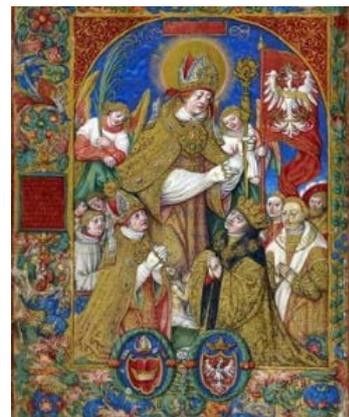
THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- ❖ Little Flower Church blooms in its fifth decade of faith and friendship, and more!

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST STANISLAUS



Born at Szczepanow (Poland) about 1030. Died on this day in 1079 at Cracow, murdered on the orders of the king for his outspoken condemnation of corruption. He had become bishop of Cracow in 1072. Remembered for his reforms, his preaching, and his pastoral concern.

WATCH MASS AT HOME CHANNEL 351

St Luke's Green Residents

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Livestreamed Mass Times
9am Friday
8am Sunday

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THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Penitential Act

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen.

Gloria (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.
- OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
- OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.