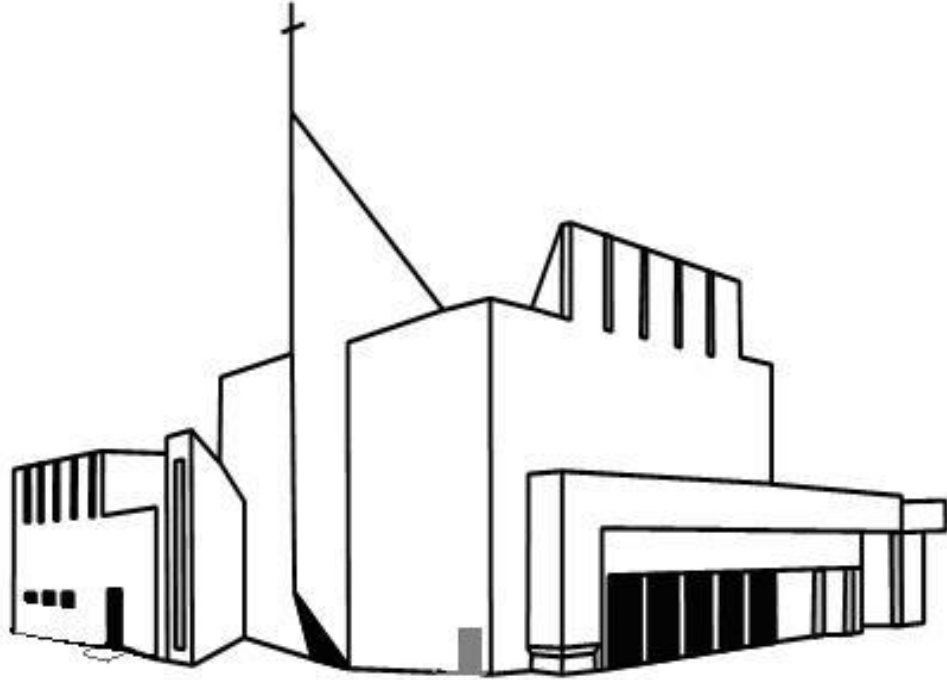


WELCOME to St. Luke's Parish!



*Whether you are new to our parish or
have been a parishioner for a long time,
we hope you feel at home here.*

PLEASE TAKE THIS BOOKLET HOME WITH YOU.

**IT WILL GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE VIBRANT PARISH LIFE OF ST. LUKE'S.**

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Welcome in ...

*Welcoming everyone into our midst
as we would welcome Christ.*

BE AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER!

If you are new to St. Luke's,

please register at the parish office by filling out and returning the registration form on the last page of this booklet.

Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time member, consider some of the many ways you can serve as an active member of the Parish community.

Active participation is essential to our parish's vitality and spiritual well being. Your help is both needed and appreciated!



Christian stewardship is a way of life based on the awareness that everything we have and everything we are comes from God.

A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice & love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Each member of the Church is called to practise stewardship. We are called to look outward and to place ourselves at the service of the entire human community, especially those most in need.

VOLUNTEERING

Our parish is blessed by the excellent spirit and generosity of those parishioners who live out their life of faith in the service of others and volunteer in our many ministries. More volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out and return the form on the last page of this booklet. You will be contacted soon after.

A DUTY OF CARE

St. Luke's recognizes that we owe a duty of care to protect our parishioners and our parish. A volunteer must be prepared to share information about themselves with the parish and meet with a ministry coordinator.

Volunteers in roles involving minors, seniors and other vulnerable people, finances, and critical, sensitive information also require a Police Information Check.

**This booklet is only an introduction to St. Luke's.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- **Phone the office – 403-282-9488**
- **Visit the website – www.stlukeschurch.ca**
- **Check the *Pamphlet Rack* in the Narthex**
- **Read the Parish Bulletin. It has information about Mass times, sacraments, events, and how to contact clergy, staff and ministry coordinators.**

PARISH FORMATION COMMITTEES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council works together with the pastor and the



members of the parish team to understand and address pastoral matters related to the parish. At the bi-monthly Council meetings, ministry coordinators share the status of their ministries and solicit input and support.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Steering Committee works with the Pastor, Parish Pastoral Council and ministries to infuse stewardship into every aspect of parish life.

Contact: Monica Horsman @ 403.454.5506

VOCATION COMMITTEE

The Vocation Awareness committee seeks to raise awareness of the special call of the Lord to the priesthood and consecrated life within the Church and encourages the parish community to pray for these vocations.

Contact: Sr. Dianne Turner
@ 403.289.2722
srdianne@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

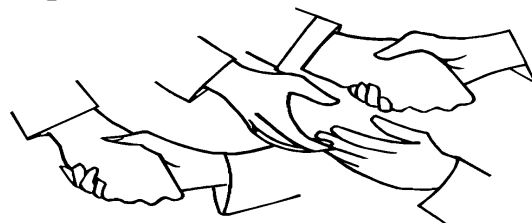
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Welcoming Committee members greet new parishioners by telephone on behalf of the pastoral team and parish family, and inform them of the programs and activities that are carried on within St. Luke's.

Contact: Lennie Fortier @ 403.239.8531

GREETERS

Greeters welcome people as they arrive at church for the Sunday liturgy. They help to establish a climate of welcome, helpfulness and belonging among St. Luke's parishioners and visitors.



USHERS

Ushers are among the first persons to meet and greet parishioners and visitors when they come to worship at St. Luke's. They assist the assembly through hospitality and service during Sunday Liturgies.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday volunteers act as hosts and serve refreshments following the morning Masses on the first Sunday of the month from October to May, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience.

Contact: Marie Byers @ 403.286.3714

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers have the important role of assisting the priest in the celebration of the Mass on Sundays and special feasts and occasions.

Boys and girls who are 9 years and older and who have received First Holy Communion can be altar servers.

LECTORS

Lectors minister in the Sunday liturgy by proclaiming the Word of God contained in the First and Second Readings, and by reading the Psalm and the Prayer of the Faithful, as well as the announcements and themes before the liturgy begins.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are special ministers of Communion authorised by the Church to share the Body and Blood of Christ with fellow worshippers. They assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The goal of Children's Liturgy is to help children ages 4-7 celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their level and explore different ways that they can live the Good News in their daily lives. Adults and teenagers celebrate a prescribed program during Sunday morning liturgies.

Contact : Parish Office @ 403.282.9488

SACRISTANS

Sacristans are commissioned Eucharistic Ministers who prepare the sanctuary prior to the celebration of Mass, monitor the distribution of communion, and clean and put away all vessels after Mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music forms an integral part of the liturgy. It assists the congregation to express and share the gift of faith with joy and enthusiasm. St. Luke's is blessed with several choirs who are always ready to welcome new members of all ages.

Contact: Val DeGagne @ 403.208.3217



SOUND & VIDEO

Sound board operators control the audio system, and projector operators control the video system using a laptop computer during School Masses, Weekday Masses, Funerals and some other celebrations in the church. Familiarization/training are provided.

Contact: Ken Taylor @ 403.241.0908

ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Art & Environment group chooses, designs, sets up and maintains decorations in the church, atriums and entrances to enhance the character of liturgical celebrations and the parish community's worship experiences.

Contact: Cheryl Rust @ 403.282.4694

GIFT BEARERS

This ministry involves bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar and presenting them to the presider during the preparation of the gifts. There is no schedule for this ministry. Couples, families or individuals who wish to be Gift Bearers at a Sunday Liturgy should inform the ushers before the Mass.

FUNERAL CHOIR AND FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Our parish has a choir that provides singing for funeral services when requested. The CWL offers the service of a reception in the parish centre following a funeral for members of St. Luke's Parish.

Funeral Choir Contact: Camille @ 403.288.6539

Funeral Luncheon Contact: Lil @ 403.282.2087

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SANDWICH MINISTRY

This ministry exists to aid The Calgary Drop In Centre in providing food to the homeless. Volunteers assemble in the Church's kitchen right after the 8:00 am Mass on the first and third Wednesday of each month to put together some 90 to 100 loaves of sandwiches, which takes some 1½ hrs. Parishioners donate various fillings (ham, fish, cold meats, cheese, peanut butter and jam, etc.) which are placed in the fridge the Tuesday before. The church provides the bread, margarine, etc. We ask your participation in this meaningful ministry at whatever level, donor or worker. *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people that you do unto me."*

Contact: Marie Byers @ 403.289.1575

ST. GIANNA'S MOMS GROUP

St Gianna's Moms Group is a women's group organized by mothers for mothers within and outside the parish. The group meets every Thursday from 9:15 to 11:15 am from September to June. Volunteer babysitters care for children in an adjacent room, providing mothers a welcome break. The group strives to focus on providing fellowship, spiritual development and service to the community within each meeting. For more information on how to support or join this ministry please contact:

Jessica @ 587.888.4940 / jessica.n.williams@gmail.com

Michelle @ 403.471.4677 / michelle.widmeyer@gmail.com

ST LUKE'S GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program is for St. Luke's parishioners who have lost a loved one and would appreciate a safe place to share their journey with others who have experienced a similar loss.

We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month following the 7:00 pm Mass.

Contact: Mary Anne Lema @ 403.463.1456

PASTORAL CARE

(Residential and Home Visits)

The ministry of Pastoral Care provides spiritual and religious support to parishioners who are lonely, sick, shut-in, elderly, dying or grieving. Pastoral Care volunteers make regularly scheduled visits to homebound and senior residential parishioners. The home visits are weekly and they continue as long as the need persists. The purpose of the visit is to provide the person with an opportunity to receive the Eucharist as well as to spend time with the parishioner(s). Mass is celebrated on a weekly basis and a Mystery of the Rosary is prayed together before Mass at the senior residence. This service is provided since shut-ins and seniors-in-residences are often unable to attend the Eucharistic Celebration with the parish community.

Contact:

Simone Bouchard for Shut-Ins at

simone1@shaw.ca

Evelyn Charchuk for Senior's Resident Visits
@ 403.239.5508/ccharchu@telusplanet.net

ENGLISH FOR NEW CANADIANS

Would you like to practice speaking English and learn about life in Canada? Whether you are new or not-so-new to Calgary, you are welcome to join our friendly drop-in group Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am, September to June. Meet other newcomers and have fun learning with us this year. We are always looking for new teachers to help.

Contact: Susan Williams @ 403.969.1364

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

St. Luke's Refugee Support Group works in cooperation with the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) to provide resettlement assistance to qualified refugees from many countries. Newly arrived refugees are assisted in obtaining government documents, housing, orientation to shopping and transit, medical support, etc.

Contact: Bob Wrubleski

@ 403.247.6311/wrublesb@shaw.ca

HELP THE NEEDY

People within the parish boundaries, regardless of their religious orientation, who find themselves in need, may receive assistance through St. Luke's Help the Needy ministry, primarily with grocery hampers and information about organizations within the city that can provide other types of assistance.

Contact: Parish Office @ 403.282.9488

FAITH EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of welcoming adults into full membership in the Roman Catholic Church. The faith journey has a flexible

entry date, followed by four stages, each culminating with a rite.

Contact: Deacon Luis Hong @ 403.241.3398

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide Catholic apostolic organization, under the sanction of the church and the leadership of Mary Immaculate. It is involved in a variety of parish ministries dependent on the needs of the parish and the direction of the pastor. Active members attend a meeting and perform apostolic work weekly. Auxiliary members are not required to attend meetings; they uphold the apostolate through daily recitation of the Rosary and the Legion prayer leaflet. Junior members, seven to 17 years of age, attend a weekly meeting and perform assigned work, generally within the home or church environment.

Contact: Cheryl Rust @ 403.282.4694

LIBRARY

The lending library is located in the atrium. It has a wide selection of good spiritual reading material and DVDs for children, youth and adults. Categories include bible study, biographies, catechism, Christology, family, fiction, history, lay ministry, Mary, pastoral care, prayer, spirituality, testimony and theology. Feel free to come and browse in the hallway and in the library.

Please read and follow the instructions that are posted in the library when borrowing a book. Enjoy the book and return it in 30 days so it is also available for others to enjoy. Note that you may view the contents of the library on our parish website at

<http://www.stlukeschurch.ca/faithformation/library>. Click on the various PDF files to view the library contents sorted by category, by title or by author.

Contact: Margaret Putong @ 403.282.7045
Cassie Gau @ 403.547.1910

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Series on Scripture Study are presented by scripture scholar Sr. Darlene Madore, FCJ, at various times during the year. Dates, times, locations and costs are advertised in St. Luke's bulletin and on St. Luke's and the FCJ Centre websites.

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parishioners worship Jesus Christ with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist Monday to Friday from 9 am to 10 pm in the chapel every week and overnight on the first Sunday of every month. They select an hour that works best for them and then make a commitment to be there for that hour every week. All parishioners are also welcome to drop in at any time to spend a long or short time in adoration.

Contact: Ceciely & Celso Ruy
@ 403.229.1654

PRAYER GROUP

St. Luke's Prayer Group meet in Room 1 every Tuesday at 1pm from September to June to pray, to thank God for the gift of salvation, to encourage each other to grow in commitment and service to Christ and the Church, and to seek and recognize the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

Contact: Charleen Thoreson
@ 403.239.0588
cthorson@telusplanet.net



PERPETUAL ROSARY

Parishioners commit to praying one decade of the rosary, reflecting on a specific mystery of the rosary each day, at the time and in the place of their choosing.

Contact: Monique & Gabriella Gladney
@ 587.226.9803

CENACLE

St. Luke's Cenacle of the Marian Movements of Priests Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays from 11 am until noon. The format includes singing, praying the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayers for the Holy Father, reading, meditation ending with the Angelus.

Contact: Denise Cheng @ 403.241.0688

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC Global)

CFC is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. CFC couples have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising families grounded in Christian values, in the service and love of God. CFC conducts Christian Life Program twice a year. This program is an integrated course leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to Christian couples.

Contact: Eric/Julie @ fmviray@yahoo.com or
German/Amor @ gervoldan@yahoo.com

SPECIAL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5

This program is designed for children who have not been baptized or have been baptized in another Christian denomination. Please contact the office to set up an appointment for individual preparation. One parent is required to attend all classes with the child.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

BAPTISM

A Baptism Preparation Program is offered on the last Monday of each month for parents who wish to have their first child baptized or have not previously attended a Baptism preparation course for their other children. Anyone who requests to attend may do so. The course covers the history, theology and role of parents as it relates to the Sacrament of Baptism. Registration for baptism must be made through the parish office two months prior to the baptism date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



This program is for all children who are in Grades 2-5, are baptized Catholic/have made a Profession of Faith, and wish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

All Grade 2 - 6 children who are baptized Catholic/have made a Profession of Faith may participate in this program.



CONFIRMATION

All Grade 6 and older students who are baptized Catholic/have made a Profession of Faith and have received First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation will participate in this program. (Students who have not yet received Reconciliation must also register for that sacrament.)

MARRIAGE

Couples who wish to marry in St. Luke's church must call the parish office at least six months prior to making any wedding arrangements. They are expected to worship regularly with our parish community and to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.



RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The Catholic League of

Women's Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. Through the CWL, women of all ages have the opportunity to pray together, support each other, work together on parish and community events, provide assistance to those in need, and to make donations for special events. St. Luke's CWL generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Karen Bruch @ 403.286.9095

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practising Catholic men, 18 years and older. Membership provides the opportunity for wholesome association with congenial companions who are engaged in tasks of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defence of the priesthood.

Contact: Kevin Dick @ 403.265.0610



Jesus, I trust in You.

The Divine Mercy Centre opens its doors to those seeking rest and a deeper relationship with Christ. If you have any questions or would like to visit us at your convenient time, please feel free to contact the Sisters of Divine Mercy at the number below.

Sisters of Divine Mercy, SDM
15206 Township Road 262
Calgary, AB, T3P-1A7
Phone #: (587) 755-1019
Email: dmccalgary@gmail.com

to **THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE**
Diocese of Calgary
Welcome

Come to Me all you who labor and find life burdensome and I will give you rest (Mt. 11:28).

SCHEDULES ▶

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS:

Eucharistic Adoration: 1:00pm – 6:00pm
3:00pm Litany & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00pm Holy Mass

FIRST "FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS" Devotions:

1st Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:00pm Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
followed by overnight Eucharistic Adoration ends Saturday @ 10:30am
1st Saturday: Immaculate Heart of Mary
10:00am Rosary
10:30am Holy Mass

DIRECTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE:

From Highway 2: take exit 275 (West Balzac), go West (Highway 566) for about 7 minutes, pass Panorama Road, pass Sunset Ridge Drive, turn right into the driveway before the "60 speed limit" sign

From Stoney Trail: take exit Symons Valley Rd, go north pass Symons Valley Ranch Market, turn right on Mountain View Rd, at the Stop sign turn right and Divine Mercy Centre will be on your left.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age, a signature of consent from parent or guardian is required)

- Register as Parishioner Request Donation Envelopes
 Receive information on becoming Catholic

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING:

- Stewardship Steering Committee
 Legion of Mary Adoration Group Scripture Study
 Prayer Group Perpetual Rosary Cenacle
 Knights of Columbus CWL St Gianna's Moms' Group

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY(S):

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

- Welcoming Committee Greeters Ushers Coffee Sunday

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Children's Liturgy
 Music Ministry Sacristans Sound & Video Art & Environment
 Funeral Choir Funeral Luncheons

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- Help the Needy St. Gianna's Moms' Group - Babysitter
 Support Group Pastoral Care English for New Canadians
 Sandwich Ministry RCIA Team Refugee Support Group

Please drop this form into the collection basket or return it to the office.