

Vision of St. Luke's Parish



Statue of St. Luke

In the Fall of 2002 an ad hoc committee was established to design a statue of St. Luke. The initial concept was sketched by Corrina Mizera. The sculptor is Bruno Stasiak.

- Figures are life sized
- Carved from blocks of basswood
- Only tools used were a hammer and chisel
- Combined weight of several pieces of wood is 300 kg
- Took 10 months to complete
- The statue captures the essence of Luke's gospel
- Indicates reaching out and teaching those in need
- The figures represent the sick and the destitute as well as family
- The base forms the scripture reading "*The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.*" (Luke 4:18-19)

A community of believers founded and centered on the Person of Christ. Consciously choosing to live the vision of our Patron Saint, St. Luke (as proclaimed in Luke/Acts) we strive to be community:

- filled with resurrection joy and the Holy Spirit
- journeying together to the Father
- attentive to the call for conversion and renewal
- living and sharing the Good News of salvation
- nourished by the Apostles' Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayers" (Acts 2:42)
- becoming a community with "all things in common..." (Acts 2:44) and responsive to the needs of the poor and the less fortunate.

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Our Patron Saint St. Luke

St. Luke was born at Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and a Gentile, skilled in the Greek language. After his conversion to Christianity, he became a follower of St. Paul. St. Luke is the inspired writer of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He was instructed in the Christian Faith not only by the Apostle Paul but by other apostles as well. Therefore he wrote his Gospel from what he had heard; but he compiled the Acts of the Apostles from what he had seen himself. He is the evangelist, who had proclaimed the Holy Infancy of the Savior of Humankind through his poetry and art.

St. Luke accompanied St. Paul on his second and third missionary journeys, and when St. Paul was sent to Rome as a prisoner from Jerusalem in the year 61, St. Luke attended him.

After the martyrdom of St. Paul, St. Luke is said to have preached in Italy, Gaul, Dalmatia and Macedon. He is venerated as a Martyr, and as having suffered near Achaia in Greece. His relics were distributed among many churches. St. Luke was never married and lived to be eighty-four years old.

The feast of St. Luke is celebrated on October 18.

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Our Church History and Structure

St. Luke's Parish started in 1964 under the guidance of Fr. Denis Fleming. The Church was dedicated on June 16, 1968 by Reverend Paul O'Byrne who later became Bishop of the Calgary Diocese. Architects for the church were Cohos, Delasalle and Evamy. The parish originally served a congregation of 650 families. By 1980, at which time the parish centre and office complex were added, the number of registered families had increased to 2000. In 2003, with 3181 registered families, diocesan approval was obtained for a renovation & addition project which was completed in 2005.

Our original church:

- _ unique design, solid concrete walls, natural lighting
- _ simple white dolomite block altar
- _ tabernacle, candle holders, light fixtures and door handles in sculptured iron work
- _ 12 concrete pillars represent the 12 apostles
- _ stained glass windows represent the cosmos and our God of the universe

Our newly renovated church:

- _ maintains many of the original features
- _ focuses on our patron, St. Luke, physician and champion of the poor
- _ carved, wooden statue of St. Luke in the narthex
- _ granite and glass baptismal font stands in the entrance of the worship area
- _ altar, lectern and ambo in natural oak matching the original (refinished) pews
- _ original (refinished) pews and candle holders refinished in polished brass
- _ Blessed Sacrament Chapel for private adoration and prayer
- _ hall, meeting rooms, office, gathering space, worship area all designed to realize our vision as the community of believers of St. Luke's Parish