

Bulletin for September 20, 2026: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Mass	Time	Intentions	Requested By
Mon. September 21	8:30 AM	For the Intentions of the celebrant	--
Tue. September 22	--	No Mass	--
Wed. September 23	5:00 PM	For the Sick of the Parish	--
Thu. September 24	8:30 AM	† Lewis and Louise Karns	Brittany Armstrong
Fri. September 25	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish	--
Sat. September 26	5:00 PM	† Lewis and Louise Karns	Brittany Armstrong
Sun. September 27	9:00 AM	† Joanna Ferreira	Luis & Virgina Melo

We are honoured to hold your loved ones and special intentions in prayer through the offering of a Mass, a meaningful gift of remembrance. Request a Mass on our website, by email or visit the office.

MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER 26 & 27				
Lectors	Saturday	M.A. O'Connell	Eucharist	Helen Scott
	Sunday	Nancy Addley	Greeters	Paul Pinkey
Altar Servers	Sunday	Ellie & Sammy Ray		
Counters	Rose	Hartin & Mary Herlihey	Oct 3 Cafe	Tim & Melanie Connell

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Sep 12 & 13 \$1,200.00

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Prayers for the Sick of the Parish

Phil Archer, Jason Bell, Sr. Lillian Ferguson, Andy Lepage, Fr. Ron Meyer, Joe O'Neill, Fr. Christopher Reynolds, Msg. Jim Scott, Angela Staples, Tawny Young. Please also pray for St. Luke's parishioners who are ill, lonely, shut-in, in nursing or retirement homes. We also pray for our recently departed loved ones: Christopher Pereira, Gerry Scott Sr., Paul Scott, Marg (Tangney) Wansbrough



PRAYER TO ST. LUKE

O glorious St. Luke, holy evangelist and beloved physician, you faithfully recorded the mysteries of our Lord's life and His boundless mercy. Intercede for us, that we may persevere in the true faith, serve the poor and afflicted with charity, and one day behold the face of Christ in glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathie Morrissey	705-344-9345
Finance Committee	Bob Connell	705-740-6754
Music	Joan Herlihey	705-799-7346
Counters	Rose Hartin	705-799-5980
Children's Liturgy	Jaclyn Giffen	705-799-6943
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathie Morrissey	705-799-6943
Lectors	Margret Ann O'Connell	705-799-5320

SUNDAY REFLECTION
BY FATHER ROY VILLAS



The Generosity of God

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents us with the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some worked the whole day, while others came only at the last hour. Yet the landowner gave them the same wage. The workers who had worked all day were unhappy. They thought, "We deserve more because we worked more." But the landowner reminds them: "Are you envious because I am generous?" This is an important lesson about God's love.

We often think according to human standards: I have done more, so I deserve more. But God does not calculate His love in that way. God is generous and merciful. His grace is a gift, not something we can earn.

The first reading tells us: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Sometimes we can become jealous when God blesses another person. We may think, "Why should God forgive that person after all they have done?" Or we may feel that someone who comes to God late in life does not deserve the same mercy as someone who has served Him for many years.

But the Gospel challenges us to rejoice in God's generosity. The truth is that all of us depend on God's mercy. None of us can say that we have earned everything God has given us. Our life, our faith, our family, our opportunities, and ultimately salvation are gifts from God. So today, let us ask ourselves: **Am I grateful for what God has given me, or am I comparing myself with others?**

And when God shows mercy and generosity to someone else, let us not be jealous. Let us rejoice. God continues to invite every person into His vineyard. Some answer His call early; others answer much later. But whenever we turn toward Him, His arms are open.

May we have humble and grateful hearts, trusting that God's ways are greater than our ways and that His mercy is always more generous than we can imagine. Amen.



Coming Events (Also available on our Events Page on the website)

Sep 20 - C.I.A. Youth Group - Nature Walk at Emily Tract (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Sep 26 & 27 - Yard Sale for Development and Peace (26th: 9am-2pm / 27th: 12pm-3pm)

Sep 27 - Confirmation Information Session (after 9AM Holy Mass)

Sep 27 - C.I.A. Youth Group (6:30pm-8:00pm, Parish Hall)

October 10 - Saint Thomas Aquinas C.S.S. 25th Anniversary Celebration (1:00pm - 4:00pm)

October 7 - Afternoon Social Card Group (1:00pm-4:00pm, Parish Hall)

PARISH GROUPS

Knights of Columbus	Adam Ranger	519-709-9612
Parish Hall	Jessica Carroll	705-341-1641
Funeral Reception	Mary Jane Connell	705-793-2013
Cemetery Board	Patricia Herlihey	705-799-7301
Hearts & Shamrocks	Office	705-799-6943
Youth Ministry	Mary-Catherine Jilesen	705-344-3941
Prayer Group	Jan Murtha	705-799-5110
Caretaker	Mary Jo Connell	705-799-6389

SCHOOLS

St. Luke Elementary Principal
Rebecca Brady (705) 799-5265

St. Thomas Aquinas Principal
Claire Wilson (705) 878-4117

PVNCC School Board Trustee
Mary Ann Martin (705) 799-1617

PARISH NEWS

St. Luke's School News!

On behalf of the staff and students at St. Luke, welcome back to school!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year with many new friends joining us at St. Luke CES. We held our "Welcome Back BBQ" on September 10th. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for providing us with the food and drinks and to the staff and Father Roy for serving it!

Our students have been busy getting ready for Cross Country and Three Pitch softball that are both coming up very soon. Thank you to the staff who have helped with coaching both teams.

We look forward to another great year at St. Luke school!

C.I.A. Youth Ministry – A Great Kick-Off!

What a great kick-off to our first year of C.I.A. – Christians In Action Youth Ministry! On the evening of September 13th, over 40 youth from Grades 5–12 joined us for an evening of food, icebreakers, Manhunt, lots of laughs and making new connections. We are so excited to see our C.I.A. community beginning to grow! Next C.I.A. Gathering: Sunday, September 20th from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Emily Tract Nature Reserve, 832 Peace Rd. for a nature walk, weather permitting. Franciscan Brother Alan will lead the group. Also, we will keep you updated on Facebook of upcoming Sundays and what we have planned!

Note: We have an outreach project coming up making care packages for the homeless. If anyone has any clothes, toiletry items and apples (for applesauce we will make) that would be greatly appreciated!

Serve Others • Grow in Faith • Have Fun Together

Connected & Protected: Digital Learning Day for Seniors

Ampere is hosting a FREE, fun and friendly day to help seniors feel more confident using technology and staying safe online. Join us Wednesday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ampere Kawartha Lakes Makerspace, 12 Peel Street, Lindsay. A free lunch will be provided. Register by calling 905-244-1902 OR click on the link on our church Facebook page to register online.

Yard Sale for Development and Peace!

Saturday, Sept. 26: 9am to 2pm & Sept. 27: 12pm to 3pm. 6 ORCHARD PARK ROAD, LINDSAY. Furniture, tools, crystal, etc. All proceeds to help the poor in the Global South. Donated items welcome!

50th Wedding Anniversary

All are invited to join Terry and Maryann Clancy as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 26th, at St. Paul's Church, (4 Reid Street Lakefield). A celebratory Mass at 12 noon will be followed by an Open House Reception (1pm-4pm) in the church hall, with food and drink for everyone.

Sacramental Preparation for Holy Confirmation!

Attention All Grade 7s and those who would like to have the sacrament of Confirmation who haven't done so: please meet Mary-Catherine Jilesen following the 9am Holy Mass in the church on Sunday September 27th for a brief introduction and meeting to discuss the upcoming year and important dates. God Bless!

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School is celebrating 25 years of Catholic Education!

Please join us at St. Thomas Aquinas on Saturday October 10th from 1-4pm for a family friendly celebration. Official opening remarks at 1:30pm. All past graduates, families, parishioners, and members of our community are warmly invited to celebrate this special milestone with us.

Parish & Community Calendar

Stay connected with what's happening at St. Luke's and in our community! See the updated calendar of church and community events and activities at stlukesdowneyville.ca/calendars-schedules OR stlukesdowneyville.ca/downeyville-hall. Email Helen Scott, Jessica Carroll, or Joy Mehan to add new activities.

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MASS TIMES

Monday	8:30am
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4 pm

Any time by appointment

Please contact the office for information about:

- Communion - Hospital/Home
- Anointing of the Sick
- Baptism
- Marriage

CONTACT

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ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME

We welcome all who come to worship at St. Luke's. We pray you find peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parish and our hearts are open to you.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Luke's Parish strive to love and serve God and humanity through prayers and action, nourished by the sacraments and the Word of God.