



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



Sunday, 15 December, 2019
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
ADVENT 3
PRESIDER: The Rev. Garfield Wu

For emergency pastoral care, please call **The Rev. Garfield Wu**'s cell phone number: **647-878-8650**.

A Special Welcome to Parishioners and Visitors who are with us today

None of us come to church by accident. No matter what joys, burdens, or problems you bring with you this day, we pray that God's grace will touch you and fill you with the hope and commitment to live your life with peace, courage, compassion, and love. Please join us for refreshments after the service and complete one of the "Welcome" envelopes if you would like to become part of our church family.

Processional Hymn: CP 103 (v. 1-3, 4)
ON JORDON'S BANK, THE BAPTIST'S CRY
GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY: pg. 185

COLLECT

Celebrant: God of power and mercy,
 you call us once again to celebrate the coming of
 your Son. Remove those things which hinder love
 of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting
 in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Celebrant: God of Joy,
 may we, your people, who look forward to the birth-
 day of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and
 celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We
 ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Children up to 8 go to with Dan Sunday School. Kids 9+ may
 stay in church or go to the school as helpers.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A reading from the Letter of James.

Reading: James 5:7-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: CP 368

HE CAME DOWN

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Concludes With Verse 3 of the Gradual Hymn

HOMILY: The Rev. Garfield Wu

CHOIR ANTHEM: Who Are We Waiting for?

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
 heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his
 only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
 Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
 died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again. He ascended into
 heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
 Father. He will come again to judge the living and
 the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
 Church, the communion of saints, the for-
 giveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People pg. 119 (12)

Confession and Absolution pg. 191

The Peace pg. 192

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: CP 100

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of hope,
 renew in us the joy of your salvation and make
 us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 4 pg. 201

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 719

The Lord's Prayer (sung) pg. 211

The Breaking of the Bread No. 5 (Advent) pg. 212

The Invitation

Lamb of God pg. 247

*You are encouraged to receive the Holy Communion, standing
 or kneeling at the communion rail or at your request in your
 seat. For health reasons, do not dip (intinct) the wafer into the
 wine. Let us know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you
 prefer a blessing only, please indicate so by crossing your arms.
 If you find it difficult to get to the altar, we will be honoured to
 bring the Holy Communion to you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Merciful God,
 may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us
 with unending joy, and prepare us for the birth-
 day of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of
 Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Doxology (*Sung twice, 2nd time with clapping*) **pg. 214**

Announcements

BLESSING

Closing Hymn: CP 91 (v. 1,2,4,5)

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR!

DISMISSAL

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!



Next Sunday's Readings

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP TEAM

Reader:	Kathy Parker
Duty Warden:	Gemma Young
Altar Guild:	Tanya Pierce
Greeter:	Peter Malue
Fellowship:	TBA



Invite your friends to this year's
Christmas Services!

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm: Family Service

11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10:30 am: Christmas Day Service



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 9:30am



Join us for a Morning Prayer service followed by a short Bible Study each Wednesday morning. This is a fun and friendly time of discussion and learning.

No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. Come and check it out!

This week's readings:

**Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 24 & 29;
Revelation 12:1-10; Matthew 1:18-25**

Contact: rector@stlukepalermo.ca
or 905-825-3364 x81 for details!

ST. LUKE'S USED CELL PHONE APPEAL

Help homeless youth stay connected and safe this Christmas! Donate your old cell phone at St. Luke's. Just remove the SIM card and "Factory Reset" the phone (Community Centre staff can help you do this!) Phones can be dropped off at St. Luke's welcome desk.



GIVE THE GIFT OF CONNECTION THIS CHRISTMAS!

Help St. Luke's Reach Out to Oakville!

The Oakville Community Foundation has accepted St. Luke's as a recipient for its GIVE Oakville campaign! Now we need YOUR HELP to fund a new, digital outdoor sign that will promote the vital programs and services offered at St. Luke's throughout the week. Donations due December 31.



Donate Online

https://ocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant_id=7582

Family Cycle of Prayer: Amy Tibble & Richard Barreiro; Doris & James Uduji; Bill Van Mol; Lilly Wang; David & Marie Williams; Gemma Young; Sylvia & Neil Young; and their families.



In the Niagara Diocese: St. Aidan, Oakville; the Rev. Fran Wallace, Deacon in Charge; and all the people of that parish.

In the Diocese of Cuba: The parish of San Jorge in Chaparra; The Rev. Rody Pérez Risco, Minister-in-Charge; the candidate Yordanis Acosta; and all the people of that parish.

St. Luke's Children's Christmas Choir!



Children of all ages are invited to share Christmas cheer through their voices. Join Janet Correia to rehearse for 15-20 mins after church each week from **November 24th - December 22nd**

St. Matthew's House Family Toy Drive



St. Luke's is excited to hold our annual Christmas Angel Tree gift drive in support of St. Matthew's House. There is still time to take a paper angel from our Christmas tree next to the Sanctuary entrance and purchase a gift for the gender and age group on it. Leave your gift **unwrapped** under the tree ASAP and it will be brought to St. Matthew's house! Call **(905) 523-5546** for information.

St. Cuthbert's Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday, November 30 — Monday, December 23

It's that season again! Until December 23rd, your family can purchase a beautiful, fragrant fresh-cut balsam fir tree at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church. Sizes available: 6'-8' or 8'-10'. The Tree sale is the primary fundraiser to support St. Cuthbert's core missions.

Visit St. Cuthbert's at: **1541 Oakhill Drive, Oakville, ON L6J 1Y6**



Christmas Community Dinner

Thursday, December 19 at 6 pm

On the third Thursday of each month, volunteers at St. Luke's prepare a delicious meal for everyone in the community to share. Our next community dinner is Thursday, December 19, when we will share a special Christmas dinner with our neighbours and ring in the holiday season! We hope you'll join us for a delicious meal prepared by friends from across the community! Everyone is welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Thursday, 19 December: 6 pm - St. Luke's Christmas Community Dinner
- Friday, 20 December: 6 pm - St. Luke's Used Cell Phone Appeal Due
- Tuesday, 24 December: 5 pm & 11 pm - St. Luke's Christmas Eve Services
- Wednesday, 25 December: 10:30 am - Christmas Day Service
- 24 December, 2019 - 1 January, 2020 - ST. LUKE'S CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



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