



ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PALERMO



***Sunday, 22 December, 2019
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
ADVENT 4***

***PREACHER: The Rev. Jody Balint
PRESIDER: The Rev. Hollis Hiscock***

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 114 (v. 1, 3, 4)
LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING
GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY: pg. 185

COLLECT

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
 who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the
 mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with
 your grace, that we in all things may embrace your
 will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through
 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Celebrant: God of Love,
 your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the
 Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your
 plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the
 voice which announces his glory and open our
 minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his
 coming. 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 to the Romans.

Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

PEOPLE IN DARKNESS

Verses 1-3

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 1:18-25

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Concludes With Verse 4 of the Gradual Hymn

HOMILY: The Rev. Jody Balint

CHOIR ANTHEM: Hope is a Star

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 heav-
 en, 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:

PEACE IS FLOWING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Gracious God,
 by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the
 mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you
 this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
 the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 5 pg. 204

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: Faithful God,
 in this sacrament we receive the promise of salva-
 tion. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to
 your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
 the Lord. Amen.

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

Announcements

BLESSING

Closing Hymn: CP 111

HERALD! SOUND THE NOTE OF JUDGEMENT

DISMISSAL

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!



Invite your friends to this week'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

Next Sunday's Readings

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP TEAM

Reader:	Karen Ramcharan
Duty Warden:	Dan Oke
Altar Guild:	Gladis Di Paolo
Greeter:	Peter Malue
Fellowship:	TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY



Note: Morning Prayer services WILL NOT be held on December 25 or January 1. We will resume Morning Prayer on Wednesday, January 8.

Contact: jody@stlukepalermo.ca
or **905-483-0860** for details!

ST. LUKE'S USED CELL PHONE APPEAL

Help homeless youth stay connected and safe! 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: Karen Bassels; David Beswick; James Black; Sheila Clarke; Dean & Janet Correia; Bradley & Kristen Cousins; Wendy & Carl Cousins; Hugh & Leasa Cumming; and their families.



In the Niagara Diocese: St. Cuthbert's, Oakville; the Rev. Jeff Ward, Rector; and all the people of that parish.

In the Diocese of Cuba: The parish of San Marcos, Mission in Holguin; the Rev. Gil Fat Yero, Minister-in-Charge; 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**

Palermo Village Christmas Service



This Monday, Dec. 23, we will host a special Christmas Home Communion service for the residents of Palermo Village Retirement Residence!

Please join the Rev. Garfield Wu and our Children's Choir **Monday, Dec. 23 at 1 pm** as we bring the joy of this season to our neighbours.

There will be no service at the Waterford this week due to the Christmas holiday.

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**



Our Nourishing Neighbours food program will be on break this **Thursday, December 26, resuming January 2**. If you know a family that would benefit from this assistance, please tell them about Nourishing Neighbours.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Monday, 23 December: 1 pm - Palermo Village Christmas Home Communion Service**
- **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**
- **2 January, 2020 - St. Luke's Reopens for Regular Programming**



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