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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions

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The call to share in the work of spreading God’s love is not an easy task. We do not fully love God unless we turn towards the family member who feels neglected and needs a shoulder to cry on, the homeless drug addict looking for shelter, and those struggling to make ends meet or who are in search of a little recognition. Anyone who has tried to follow this pathway knows that there are no limits to its demands. What we have to do, day in and day out, is to love the unlovable by giving of ourselves. Having a love for humanity is easy and so is loving our family to whom we are bound by natural ties. We may even boast of loving our friends, however, it is not that easy to love the person we do not like and who always manages to irritate us. We learn from Peter in the first reading that God does not have favourites and neither should we. Love for those whom we can see brings us as close as we can come to God whom we can not see.

HONORING MARY IN MAY

I have fond memories of my childhood celebrating the feast of the Blessed Virgin in a small town nestled in the hills of Abruzzi. It was a time of festivity, of families coming together to celebrate the festa of the Madonna. The Blessed Virgin, “Madonna Dell’Elcina still holds a special place in the hearts of all the people from this region in Abruzzi, so much so, that the people continue the tradition to celebrate her here in Canada each year.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Mary holds a special place in the heart of many faithful. Throughout the centuries, Catholics have had the custom of paying special tribute to Mary by placing a crown on her head referred to as “The Crowning of Mary”. Last Tuesday, at the evening Mass, many parishioners joined together to celebrate this special devotion to Mary. This devotion has a special spiritual significance – the gift of oneself. The offering of the crown represents that act of placing oneself under the guidance and protection of the Blessed Virgin that she may rule over our hearts.

There are many devotions to Mary but one special devotion is the family reciting the Rosary together. “The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the High Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembled before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace (Pope Pius XII in his encyclical Ingruentium malorum)

Antoinette



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Peter Kielek & son Peter**
- Tuesday Souls of **Anna Cristinzo, Rosina & Giam Batista, Julie McQueen** and For the Intention of **Sheila Lake**
- Wednesday For the Intention of **Teresa Kwall**
- Thursday Soul of **Jerry Ambroziec**
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

May 6, 2018

Happy 25th Anniversary

The Community of St. Luke's will be celebrating our Pastor **Father Mark's 25th Anniversary** of his Ordination into the Priesthood at our parish church on **Sunday, May 27th at the 12:15 mass. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special event.



BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **May 12/13** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Thank you!!!

FROM TOMB TO PENTECOST

A MYSTICAL JOURNEY WITH THE RISEN LORD

May 19 - 10:30-12:00 Noon – St. Luke's Church

Children and their families are invited to join us as we make the journey from the empty tomb and Mary's encounter with the Risen Lord to the early Church's reception of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The children will animate the various scriptural encounters along the way as we seek to enter into the mystical journey of Jesus from His resurrection until the out pouring of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

All are welcome to attend. No registration is necessary.

For more information contact John Humphries at:
john.humphries@rogers.com

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – RENEWING THE PROMISE

MAY 6-11, 2018

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2018 which runs from May 6-11. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, empowering one another to serve as faithful disciples. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who diligently nurture this precious gift. For more information visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

THE ROSARY PATH AT MARYLAKE

During the month of May, The Rosary Path invites you to prayer after the regular Saturday 9:00 am Masses in honour of our Lady. May 12: Luminous Mysteries; May 19: Sorrowful Mysteries; May 26 (8:00 pm – Candlelight rosary procession, bring your own candle). The meeting place will be at the Great Crucifix. Prayers will be led by Deacon Don McMillan. The Rosary Path is 1.5 kilometers.

PRAYER VIGIL

*St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough
May 11 - 6:00 pm - Midnight*

The Ordination Prayer Vigil for the soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, May 11 from 6 p.m. to midnight. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org. This event is open to the public. The Ordination to Priesthood is at St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 am.

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