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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.

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We never tire of reading the gospel accounts of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. In it, we find our greatest inheritance as Christians. Christ's gift of himself to us is a statement of his belief in us and of how precious we are in his sight. Only a loving God could have given his children such an extraordinary gift. The Eucharist is the making present of the living body of Jesus as food for the journey and as the nourishment we need on our pilgrim way. The mystery of the Eucharist is not something we arrive at as spectators or something we come to observe. It is a meal we participate in as a community where we strengthen each other by our Eucharistic celebration. We are called to change and to become more like Christ, so that his presence can become visible in our behaviour. This feast, expressing God's abiding love in our midst, is an opportunity to renew our faith and to live in a spirit of thanksgiving for so great a gift.



### Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Reginald Kingsford</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Manuel &amp; Angelina Pacheco Carmen Butcher, Rosa Henkel, Hubert and Henkel, Sui Fong Lo</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Julie McQueen</b>
Thursday	Souls of <b>Duane Soares and Natalie Pooran</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Leo Braganza</b>

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## GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN

Recently I was reading the Chapter 21 of the book of Revelation. In this chapter the author – the apostle John – receives a vision of a renewed creation. In this vision God *reveals* to him a renewed created order. In this place there will be perfect tranquility. John writes, "...he [God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning, crying & pain will be no more.." (verse 4). I thought to myself, "This is what heaven must be like." The following morning, I took my 2 year old daughter to the park. The day was perfect. The warm sun was beaming, green all around, and as she swung on the swing she stared at me with a beautiful smile and joyful eyes. I didn't want the moment to end.

In that moment I recalled John's vision. This short lived moment with my daughter was a glimpse heaven; a glimpse of being in the presence of perfect love, the presence of God

### **Earning Heaven?**

I desire heaven. So what must we do? There is nothing you or I can do to *earn* heaven? Heaven is a free gift that we have to learn to receive.

God's very nature is perfect love (1 John 4:8) and we are far from perfect love, so we have nothing to offer him that satisfies his nature in exchange for heaven. St. Paul writes, "For we all have sinned, and have fallen short God's glorious standard" (Rom 3:23, NIV).

Luckily for us, someone did earn heaven on our behalf. The price was paid by God himself. God needed some- thing heavenly, not earthly. His Son Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate. Jesus sacrificed himself on humanities behalf. It didn't just end with his death. Jesus was resurrected from the dead and took on a transfigured physical body that is foretaste of what we can expect to happen with our own bodies in heaven and in the renewed creation (Rev 21).

### **What must happen before?**

Heaven has been earned for us and it is offered as a free gift, but it is not a cheap disposable gift from a dollar store. We have to conform ourselves to the gift before we can actually receive it. For her second birthday, my daughter received a beautifully illustrated book of short stories. As she was flipping through the pages of the book, she decided to rip out some of the pages. She wasn't prepared to accept the fullness of the book.

Similarly, you and I have to prepare for heaven in this life by reading Scripture, taking part in the sacraments, and serving one another so that we can be transformed into people who are ready receive heaven in its fullness. As my daughter and left the park with our hands embraced back into an imperfect world I thanked God for revealing to me a small glimpse of heaven. I realized that where we as humans fail, he will conquer.

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*.

# PARISH NEWS

## St. Luke's Annual Picnic Sun., June 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Huntington Park

*Bring the whole family*



Bring a picnic basket to enjoy, and then later on there will be a barbecue. There will be games and activities with lots of fun for the whole family.

Please contact: Shaila D'Sousa at 905 707-9248 for more information.

## TOTUS TUUS DAY CAMP

*Grades 1-6, July 30 – Aug. 03, 9am-2:30pm*

*Grades 7 + July 29 – Aug. 03, 7pm-9pm*

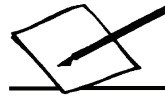
**Cost:** Grades 1-6, \$60/child; \$30 for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> student/family

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Registrations for Totus Tuus Day Camp at St. Luke's are now open. Totus Tuus is a faith centred camp open to all students run by college-aged missionaries from around the Archdiocese of Toronto. Totus Tuus is a great opportunity for students to get involved in exciting camp activities, meet new friends, and grow in their Christian faith.

For more information or to register see Greg Garda, Youth Minister, following Sunday Masses or contact him by email or phone.

**Greg Garda:** saintlukesym@gmail.com  
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## From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your prayers and good wishes last weekend as we celebrated my 25 years of Ordination. My family commented how blessed I was to be at such a wonderful Parish and I agreed with them with all my heart. Thanks again as well to our combined choirs for the beautiful music and all who helped in the Mass and the reception, I felt truly blessed.

God Bless, thank you!  
Fr. Mark



## MARYGROVE CAMP

The Marygrove Camp collection will be taken up next weekend on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. 1,100 girls from less fortunate families will be attending camp this summer. Please remember to support this important work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each and every child's camping experience is fully subsidized through this collection – thank you for your support.

# Share...Life!

## **Living the Gospel by the promoting mental health of kids**

Jake wrote a story in his grade 7 class that made his principal worry he might harm himself. The principal called his mother and recommended she take him to see a counsellor at Catholic Community Services of York Region, a ShareLife-funded agency. While the boy was very quiet during the first session, he eventually revealed his sadness and confusion about his parents' divorce. As the counsellor helped Jake learn how other kids respond to a family breakup, he was relieved to find out his grieving was normal. Jake started to feel much better. By donating to ShareLife, you're helping kids like Jake find healing and happiness.

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