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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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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	For Envelopes, please contact usher <input type="checkbox"/>
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Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

Human suffering remains a mystery to us. We are all baffled because there has been no adequate explanation as to why there should be suffering in a world created by a loving God. The only explanation that makes sense comes from looking at the image of the dying Christ on the cross and knowing that he was victorious over death. His cross is a reminder of his willingness to share the pain and grief that afflicts us and teaches us that out of the most terrible situations God can draw goodness and new life. No situation, no matter how bleak, is beyond hope for followers of Christ who by his suffering, death and resurrection made all things new. Sorrow and suffering can turn us into people who are more compassionate and understanding. Perhaps it is best summed up by words written by Oscar Wilde: "Where sorrow is, there is holy ground. How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?"



Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of Oh Wee Kwon
Tuesday	Souls of Eugene Penoso, Estivan Alde and Mamie & Brian Yu
Wednesday	Soul of Roque and Amelia Pinto
Thursday	Soul of Jennifer Celinski
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

LOVING OUR YOUTH INTO HEAVEN

This past August I had the privilege of being part of Edge Camp at Camp White Pine with around two hundred students from grades 5-8. The camp consists of traditional camp activities, outdoor challenges such as ropes activities, time for prayer, discussion and talks.

My personal high point at Edge Camp has consistently been Eucharistic Adoration - the exposition of a consecrated host accompanied by prayer and song.

When I ask kids what was their favorite part of camp, more often than not, the answer is Eucharistic Adoration. Kids are often distracted by their phones, social media, and occupied by the demands of school and extracurricular activities. Silence, prayer, and reflection are often nonexistent. Many kids experience intentional prayer for the first time at Eucharistic Adoration. No phones, no internet, no superficiality just a moment between them and Jesus.

Encountering Heaven

As I reflect on the kids' experiences I am reminded of St. John's vision of Heaven in Revelation 21:3-4: "...He [Jesus] will dwell with them; they will be his peoples and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more..." Heaven is pure tranquility. Edge Camp offers glimpses of Heaven. The kids are amongst friends, are having fun, and experience the presence of Jesus in Adoration, surrounded by the beauty of nature.

My favorite thing about working in youth ministry is that I am blessed with glimpses of Heaven. On Fridays when we gather for Edge we play games, we sing songs of worship, listen to a teaching, take part in small group discussions and pray. In particular, I enjoy listening to the small group discussions and praying with the kids. Their insight and desire to be authentic always surprises me.

Offering Your Presence

It's not only kids that need these glimpses of heaven, but also you and I. We need to occasionally detach ourselves from the world and to reorient our minds on God. Youth ministry is an opportunity to that. I invite you to come join me as a parish participant in youth ministry. You do not need special skills or confidence around kids, just a loving presence for the kids. People, including youth, just want to be valued. My hope is that the St. Luke's community will show the youth they are valued by members committing a couple of hours in the Edge program.

Next week I will share with you a story of a St. Luke's parishioner who has been part of our Edge youth program for three years.

I encourage you to get in touch with me to see how you can accompany youth closer to Jesus.

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*.

September 16, 2018

BIBLE STUDY



Mondays: October 15 through November 26

The topic of study this year is the Gospel of Matthew: "On the Road with Jesus" (Loyola Press).

Registration: Weekends of Sept. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 after all the masses.

Cost: Book and reading materials \$15.00

Let us find time together to explore God's Word and experience real lasting peace, strength and serenity in today's troubled world.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Sept. 22/23 and Sept. 29/30

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, **let us remember the less fortunate.**

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, etc.) to the church the **weekends of September 22/23 or September 29/30.** Your contributions will be sent to the Georgina Food Bank to help the poor. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!



ST. LUKE'S FIRST

RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION MEETINGS 2018-19

There will be an information night meeting for parents of grade 2 students making their First Reconciliation/First Communion this year at St. Luke's, on **Monday September 17th from 7-8pm.** At the meeting a program schedule and a registration form will be distributed. For more information contact John at john.humphries@rogers.com.

COME AND MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

This Sunday **after all the masses**, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Coffee, Tea and Cookies social time for Parishioners to come meet each other or to catch up from the summer. All are welcome!

"RESPONDING TO ABUSE: HEALING THE BODY OF CHRIST

(WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?)"

With Speaker & Author, Lea Karen Kivi

When: Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30 pm

Where: St. Luke's Catholic Church, Thornhill.

St. Luke's will be hosting a speaking engagement to address the clergy abuse crisis that has recently been brought to light in the church. The speaker for the evening will be Lea Karen Kivi. Ms. Kivi is an abuse survivor and has committed her life to helping people who have experienced abuse in the church.

Ms. Kivi is the founder of *Listening Place*, an organization dedicated to preventing clergy sexual abuse and to support healing of all those directly and indirectly affected by this abuse of power.

Ms. Kivi's goal for the evening is to promote a message of hope and share ideas on how to move forward as the body of Christ with Jesus as the head. The evening will consist of Ms. Kivi's talk, a question and answer session and will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

There is no cost for the event, but seating will be limited. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2LYGQqh> OR after mass in the narthex.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Hello St. Luke's Seniors!

Circle of Friends will begin on **Thursday, October 11th.** If you are not a member, you can register on **Sept. 29th – 30th.**

More details later.

Share...Life!

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