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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.

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The Feast of Christ the King is placed at the end of the church year to make us aware that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. It should awaken an awareness that we are temporary residents of this world and our destination is elsewhere. As we journey on our pilgrim way, there are many voices calling for our attention, competing for our allegiance and luring us down alleyways that would be better avoided. Whatever situations we find ourselves in as Christians and whatever laws we are required to obey, it is important to remember that earthly authority is not the last word. There is a higher law, a more demanding citizenship seeking our allegiance, which calls us to risk all for the sake of all. We know that on judgement day our future will be assured if we have listened to Christ's voice, accepted his values and followed in his footsteps.

“BE ALERT AT ALL TIMES”

(Luke 21: 36)

There is a story entitled, “What is the World Like?” God and a man are walking down the road. The man asks God, “What is the world like?” God replies, “I cannot talk when I am thirsty. If you could get me a drink of cool water, we could discuss what the world is like. There is a village nearby. Go and get me a drink.” The man goes into the village and knocks at the door of the first house. A beautiful young woman opens the door. His jaw drops, but he manages to say, “I need a glass of cool water.” “Of course,” she says, smiling, “but it is midday. Would you care to stay for some food?” “I am hungry,” he says, looking over his shoulder. “And your offer of food is a great kindness.” He goes in and the door closes behind him. Thirty years go by. The man who wanted to know what the world was like and the woman who offered him food have married and have raised five children. He is a respected merchant and she is an honored member of the community. One day a terrible storm comes in off the ocean and threatens their life. The merchant cries out, “Help me, God.” A voice from the midst of the storm says, “Where is my cup of cold water?”

Spiritual traditions warn us about becoming lost in the world. The demands of everyday life are merciless. There is always more to do and not enough time to do it. At times this constant activity may be boring; at other times it may be exciting. But from the point of view of the story it speaks of a lack of attention to the demands of God.

What is the world like? The answer of the story is that it is a place of forgetfulness. We do not stay attentive to the spiritual dimension of our life. We spend our lives busy and preoccupied with worldly demands that take all our time and, more importantly, take all our mind. When this happens, we find ourselves lacking passion, purpose, and pleasure. As one perplexed person put it, “How can I be so busy and yet so empty?”

This dominance of everyday activity is particularly true in the Advent and Christmas season. Busy people become busier. They have to prepare for the season, which often means more shopping and more work. Unfortunately, this frantic preparation often puts people to sleep spiritually. People begin to long not for the birth of the Christ Child, but for the lazy, doldrums days of January. The rush of the season works against the message of the season. As we enter the Season of Advent, let's set aside time to provide “a cup of cold water for God.”

Adapted from “A Spiritual Commentary and Teaching” by John Shea, Theologian and Storyteller.



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Charito Tamayo**
- Tuesday Souls of **Luigi Gazeley, Neil Gazeley, John Lee, Tresay Lobo**
- Wednesday Soul of **Harith Ghanima**
- Thursday Departed Soul
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

MOSAIC INTERFAITH

Topic: **“Can the Violence in our Scriptures**

Justify Violence in Today's World?”

Sunday November 25 - 2:00 – 4:00 p. m.

Jaffari Islamic Centre; 9000 Bathurst St.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Antoinette

November 25, 2018



Society of St. Vincent de Paul **CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM**

Special envelopes marked Christmas Basket Program will be available next week in the pews and in the Narthex. Please place your donations in the envelope and drop it into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box. The funds will be used to purchase gift cards and will be distributed according to the size of the family. **Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent Paul. Please make cheques payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**



St. Vincent de Paul **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE** *Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2*

Give Christmas cheer to the needy by bringing donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, baby food, etc.) to the church **this weekend or Dec. 1/2**. Your contributions will be sent to the Georgina food bank to help the poor.

OUT OF THE COLD

If you have signed up for **Food Preparation** for the OOTC please pick up a **schedule** located in the **kitchen** in a green folder.

CWL FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS

The **Warmth and Comfort Drive** starts this weekend and extends to Dec. 31st. "**Boxes for Soxes**" will be in the narthex to collect **NEW socks**- that's **BRAND NEW SOCKS** for all ages. We will be donating them to the youth shelter in York *360 Kids, Out of the Cold* and other local shelters. If every person donated just one pair we would make our goal of 2019 pairs! Give warmth and comfort!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE **FAMILY MASS**



Children from grades 2-12 are invited and encouraged to sing in the children's choir and perform in the pageant for the family mass on Christmas Eve. This is a very special event that enables the children to help us all celebrate the joy found in this holy season. All abilities are most welcome. The choir and pageant will hold rehearsals on **Sunday afternoons, starting November 18**. For those who are interested, please fill out the form found at goo.gl/okLT2Q by **November 30th**. Thank you!



CHOIR CONCERT **Saturday, Dec. 08 - 7:30 P.M.**

Once again, in our sanctuary, the choirs of St. Luke's will be ringing in the Christmas season like only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs (yes the kids are included) of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The program will be devotional and joyful and will include opportunities for you to sing along. Some of our excellent musicians will be featured as they grace us with their individual solos pieces. There is no charge to come and there will be a free will offering basket, if you wish to contribute, with all proceeds going to the needs of the parish. A lovely social time with light refreshments will follow. Wishing you Our Lord's very best in this season of great celebration!

FAREWELL GATHERING FOR **ANNE AMORE**

As one chapter ends, another begins...
Our Secretary, Anne Amore, will be retiring effective December 12, 2018.

With a wonderful listening ear and an open heart, Anne has warmly welcomed everyone who entered the doors of St. Luke's Parish Office for the past 10 years plus. There will be a **reception with refreshments and cake on Sunday, December 2, after the 10:30 and 12:15 Masses in the Parish Hall**. This will give everyone - friends and parishioners of St. Luke's to express their wishes for a happy retirement. All are welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Now is the time to start planning for your New Year's Eve celebration! We are continuing our tradition of having a high class served dinner and dance for a very affordable price. The evening begins with arrival at 7:00 and hors d'oeuvres served while you are settling in and socializing with your family and parish friends. Then at 8:00 you will be served at your table your choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken with all the trimmings. Dancing follows to the music of the DJ Greg Benoit so bring your requests! Champagne and party favours are included in your ticket. There will be door prizes and a bar to purchase your drinks of choice. Tickets will be on sale this weekend so reserve your table early. The whole family is invited! Prices are: Adults \$45 Seniors \$30 Children 11 and under \$20. For further information contact Greg at greg.benoit@rogers.com or at 647-296-6851.

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