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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
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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Name	Phone
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Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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In the gospel today, Luke highlights the merciful and compassionate role of Jesus. The thief who was pardoned on the cross was by no means innocent, and yet his humble appeal, ‘Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom,’ echoes down the centuries. His request was answered with words we are all longing to hear, “Truly I tell you; today you will be with me in Paradise.”

These words capture the essence of Christ’s eternal power to touch, convert and console the needy heart, and make him Saviour King of all who turn to him for help. On the cross, Jesus won pardon not just for the repentant thief but also for you and me. The rest is up to us. To receive his mercy, all we have to do is to acknowledge our sinfulness, repent, implore his help and he will impart his grace into our being.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mass of Thanksgiving - Tibor Family
Tuesday	Souls of Clelia & Aldo Donadel Soul of Alice Van Patten Souls of Elizabeth & Thomas Donnelly Soul of Daniel Couto Soul of Raymond Whittle
Wednesday	Soul of Minda Daues
Thursday	Soul of Bridget Fernandes
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

We pray for the sick & suffering in our community, that the Lord may let his face shine generously on them, especially: Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, Grant Kennedy, Ashling Reilly, Timothy Hourigan, and Elona

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Good Shepherd Casseroles are due Sunday November 24th (last Sunday of the month). Thank you for your support.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

"Not until the half of our population represented by women and girls can live free from fear, violence and everyday insecurity, can we truly say we live in a fair and equal world." (UN Secretary-General António Guterres)

November 25th is the day designated by United Nations for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This issue includes human trafficking, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, and domestic abuse.

Violence against women is not just a women’s issue. It’s an issue for all of us and all faith communities. When violence is used to dominate or hurt another person – this goes against everything Jesus taught us.

Because abuse often occurs out of sight, it is assumed that it does not happen. We have to see the hidden face of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a behavior pattern based on the use of power and control of one person over another.

There are different forms of abuse. The term “violence” may apply equally to physical force or hidden violence that does not necessarily do physical harm but nevertheless destroys human dignity – such as emotional violence, verbal violence that isolates a person from family and friends, or economic violence – financial control.

Violence against women thrives on silence. Naming injustice is the first step to freedom from violence not only for the abused but also for the abuser. Abusers will not change until they realize and name their actions as wrong – simply wrong with no excuses.

Our church teaches forgiveness but forgiveness does not mean allowing things to go on as before. Yes, forgiveness is a goal but it is a goal to be freely pursued from a position of safety.

Yellow Brick House in Richmond Hill provides emergency shelter, supportive counselling and a 24-hour crisis line for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. 905-727-1944 - 24 Hour Crisis Line 1-800-263-3247

On this day, we pray for all women who are affected by the many forms of violence that they seek and receive the support they need.

Natalie Doucet



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY
November 30, 2019

The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke’s Council 4393 is inviting all parishioners for a Christmas Party at their Council chamber. To register, please contact in person or by email:
Fletcher Pereira – fletcher.pereira@gmail.com
Bill Withers – billbrodiebill@gmail.com
George Hung – georgehung@gmail.com
Joseph D’Souza – joedsouza2006@gmail.com

MOSAIC INTERFAITH PEACE MEAL
Sunday, Nov. 24th 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Jaffari Islamic Centre, 9000 Bathurst St. Door #4

TOPIC: What Are Our Obligations To The Earth and Why?
Please bring a vegan dish to share - (no nuts or alcohol)
Women are asked to wear a head covering.
If you have any questions, please call Natalie at ext. 235

ADVENT CANDLES & HOLDERS

Advent candles & holders will be for sale in the narthex this weekend after all masses.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - LITTLE BLUE BOOK

The *Little Blue Book* of daily Advent devotions, which so many of us love, will be available for \$3.50 in the narthex this weekend. Next weekend our Advent journey begins ... get your copy while they last!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be selling their knitted items on the weekend of Nov 23/24th weekend. All proceeds will go to charity. For more information, please call Helen at 905 770-7823.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are offering beautiful cards in boxes of 10 and a free raffle ticket for an 18” Madonna & Child figurine with each box for only \$10.00. If you already have cards, please consider a donation to support life-saving Pro-Life education in our schools. Visit our table in the narthex the weekends of Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec 1st.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The CWL Christmas Bazaar will be held in the parish hall next weekend - Nov 30/Dec 1st. You don’t want to miss it!

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Join us for an evening of Praise & Worship Wed. Nov 27th at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be John Humphries.

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 on Dec 1st. For those who are interested, please fill out the form found at <https://tinyurl.com/vg2eh6x> by November 30th. Thank you!

CHOIR CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 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. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods, such as canned food, cereals, pastas, rice, flour etc. and small toys to the Church on the weekends of Nov.30/Dec.1 and Dec.7/8. Donations will be sent to the Georgina (Keswick – Sutton) Food Bank to help feed those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILDREN – TREE DECORATING!

Beginning the weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1st there will be 2 Christmas trees in the narthex and as we journey through the Advent season, we encourage all children to help us decorate them! Handmade decorations are most welcomed! Our theme? **“What Christmas Means to Me”**

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 dinner/dance at a very affordable price. The evening begins at 7:00 pm with hors d’oeuvres while you are settling in and socializing with your family and parish friends. At 8:00, you will be served 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. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Special collection envelopes are now in the pew pockets for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket program. Each year your donations enable needy families in our community to participate in this joyous season.

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