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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.
 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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The Samaritan Woman at the Well

The Gospel reading today tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time. First, she is a woman. Secondly, she is a Samaritan. In addition, she has had five husbands—*five* husbands!—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of today, this sort of history would make people look skeptically at her. In her village, she is undoubtedly a shamed person. However, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help. But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

Then look at how the story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She isn't worthless then, is she? On the contrary, because of Jesus, she takes her rightful place among the villagers. The evangelization of the whole village is *her* accomplishment. When Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle of her village. The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here.

Lent - A Loving Invitation

With Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, we are given a loving invitation to change our hearts and turn back to God. It is a time to clear away the clutter and the baggage we carry, both material and spiritual and to turn back to God with open hearts and to focus on improving our relationship with our loving God.

In the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) we begin the Purification and Enlightenment period which starts on the first Sunday of Lent and ends at the Easter vigil. This is a special time for the "Elect" (catechumens become "elect" after the Rite of Election celebrated before the Bishop). It is a time for prayer and inner reflection; a time for a closer look on priorities in life; a time for transformation; a time for conversion of the heart. It is a time for laying a strong foundation rooted in the life and love of Jesus in anticipation of the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. During this period, the focus becomes not so much on teaching as to more on reflection and meditation as they encounter Jesus in the scripture readings celebrated during the three weeks of the Scrutinies.

The Scrutinies, are celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent with the participation of the church community. They are rites of self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. They are meant to uncover, and heal all that is weak in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. They are celebrated in order to help the Elect against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. These rites, therefore, complete the conversion of the Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

The Elect "scrutinize" their own lives. They have the opportunity to take a long look at their lives with the view of Jesus' teachings and example and examine their behaviors and habits. It is a time for deep reflection on the meaning of life and what is truly important, a time to be open to conversion and a change of heart that brings closer to Jesus. The scripture readings used for the Scrutinies are: first Scrutiny: Jesus Encounters the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42); second Scrutiny: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41); third Scrutiny: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-45). We see the progression from sin to repentance, from thirst to satisfaction; from illness to health; from darkness to light; from death to new life. We witness an invitation to a change of heart and of conversion. Jesus encounters three people in these Gospels, and they are changed forever. As the Elect encounters Christ at Easter, their lives will be changed forever. **Antoinette**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Elisa Reyes
Tuesday	Soul of Celerina Crespo
	Soul of Sigimondo Ditta
	Soul of Mary (Koss) Renaud
	Soul of Ana Digma Romero
Wednesday	Soul of Dennis So Chan
Thursday	Intentions of Kathy Boyle
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

We pray for the sick in our community, especially:
 Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Ashling Reilly,
 Nicholas Lepone, Sam Accardi, Marita Salvosa, Mary
 Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Marciana Saldaña, Ron
 Scarcello, Mary Burkart, Austin Delaney and baby
 Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 4th – April 12th

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 4 - **5:00 pm**
Sunday, April 5 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**

Holy Thursday – April 9 – **7:30 pm** - *Mass of Our Lord's Supper including Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

Good Friday - April 10 - **10:30 am** - *Children's Way of the Cross and 3:00 pm* - *Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord*

Holy Saturday - April 11 - **8:00 pm** - *Easter Vigil Mass including Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation of adult candidates.*

Easter Sunday - April 12 - **8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm**



THORNHILL MINISTERIAL
LENTEN SERIES 2020

Finding Our Way in a World Broken by Division

Sunday March 15th at 4:00 pm

Thornhill Lutheran Church
149 Bay Thorn Drive
Speaker: Pastor Dennis Jones
(Offering to: Yellow Brick House)

Calling all St. Anthony CES
Alumni



St. Anthony CES at 141 Kirk Drive is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. If you were alumni of the school, we would love you to attend

the celebration. There will be guest speakers, STREAM student showcase, a mass, and some light refreshments. In addition, if you have any pictures or artefacts from the school that we can display, please contact Mr. Chris Zitoli, the school principal at 905-889-7420, or simply scan the QR scan code below to complete the Google form. Please pass the word on to any alumni that you may know and we hope to see you on May 5th!

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Our collective support for the ShareLife campaign is critical to making these programs possible. Please reflect on your personal ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish campaign.

March 29th
is ShareLife Sunday
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EASTER FOOD DRIVE

March 21/22 and March 28/29

"When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink ... "

(Matthew 25:35)

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food etc.) to the parish hall during our annual Easter food drive. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at **7:30 p.m.** in the church. All are welcome.



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LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, April 1st
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