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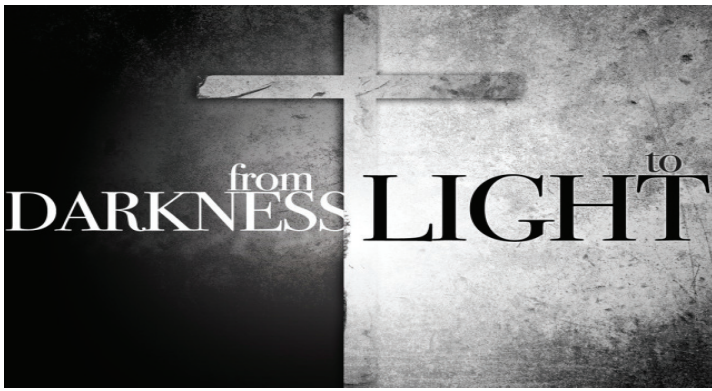
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 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

This week, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, I'd like to continue to provide some of the reflections from the Lenten Reflection I shared and started at the beginning of this season, 'The Ascension Lenten Companion'.

'At this point of Lent, how are you doing? How have you been doing during these past few days? I ask because this is where most of us either struggle or give up. Looking deep within, acknowledging where sin exists, and exposing that to the light remain some of the most difficult spiritual exercises we are invited into.'

I have frequently come charging out of Ash Wednesday with grand intentions and great hopes for Lent. However the grind of one day at a time and the embracing of new habits in the form of penances soon become difficult for me. The great fervor I have at the beginning of Lent usually turns to struggle around week four.

Let me offer some words of encouragement today. Regardless of how easy or difficult things have been up to this point, I invite you to 'recommit to commitment' today. Few of us brag about how we started things; we brag about how we finished them. At this stage of the journey, things are becoming even more important. If we are going to finish strong, we need to recommit today. God is not keeping score, and neither should you. Once again, today I invite you to recommit yourself to commitment.

I have great respect for Alcoholics Anonymous. There are other ministries and movements that foster lifestyle change, but I have seen how God can take over one's life if he or she works the Twelve Steps with resolve, sincerity and support. If you are unfamiliar with the Twelve Steps, I encourage you to look at them and replace the word alcohol with sin. While we might not have the disease of alcoholism, every one of us has sin in our lives and these steps provide a guide for how we can expose what is hiding in the dark and bring it into the light.

The fourth step asks each of us to do a 'searching and fearless moral inventory'. I have found this step to be very helpful in promoting spiritual growth. Today, I invite you into this specific spiritual exercise. I invite you to make a searching and fearless moral inventory of you life. The Examination of conscience can be a starting point. Do not be afraid, Trust the process.

At this point of the Lenten season, with all that is going on in the world today, my humble suggestion is to take time to do the spiritual exercise and sit still, look and listen for our Lord, with humility, honesty and with great reverence. He who created you out of love and for love is all that we need.

Reflect : Read John 3 :14-21. Ask yourself from today's Mass, what do I need to hear from God?

Alan Lee Hoy, Youth Minister

Today's gospel invites us to deepen our faith by looking at Christ crucified, because the price paid for our sins was the shedding of his blood on the hill of Calvary. To look prayerfully at the image of Christ dying on the cross, with his arms outstretched in perfect love, is to behold a great mystery. By his agony, Jesus gave suffering a new significance. By dying, he gave death a new meaning. The cross call us to conversion and summons us to turn away from all that holds us back from true freedom. Looking at the cross with faith changes everything as it makes love more important than everything else does. On Good Friday when all seemed lost, the love of God stood firm and that was enough. Love has the power to change people because all love that is genuine comes from God and God is discovered in every encounter where there is real love. All true human love, however imperfect, has in it something of the infinite and eternal. Unlike just about everything else love does not wear out or give up. To all who humbly take up the cross and follow Christ, the road leads from darkness to light, from despair to hope and from death to life. Jesus on the cross is an inspiration and an encouragement as we make our Lenten journey.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Fred Villacorta
Tuesday	Soul of Joan Braendal
Wednesday	Soul of Brian Lynch
Thursday	Soul of Avelino Millora
Friday	Soul of Brian Lynch

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:

Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan, Gino Matrungola, M. J. Kurse and Dorothy Murack

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

MASS

York Region is now operating in the **RED ZONE**, which means we are permitted to celebrate daily & weekend mass once again at 30% capacity. We are excited to welcome you back to St. Luke's but if you are not ready yet to return, we will continue to livestream the Sunday 10:30 mass which is available on our YouTube channel.

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

There will be a limited number of registrations available for each weekend mass on line using the Event Brite link.

<https://stlukesthornhill.eventbrite.ca>

or you can find the link on our website at stlukesth@archtoronto.org under Parish Events

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Registrations open at 9:00am Friday mornings.

Yes, you are required to register for each weekend. There is no opportunity to book weeks in advance.

No, you do not have to register for weekday masses.

Parishioners who register are required to be seated in the church at least 15 minutes before mass begins or the seat will be released to parishioners waiting in line.

We remain committed to the safety & well-being of our parishioners and staff. When entering the parish, please review the WorshipSafe protocols and follow the direction of parish staff & volunteers. **Masks must be worn** the entire time you are in the parish & must be worn correctly – fully covering the nose, mouth & chin. Thank you.

SOS SAFETY: VOTE 2020

Teresa Siby, one of our mass & Youth Ministry volunteers, has recently made a video about Suicide Prevention and got selected as a finalist for the SOS Magazine Scholarship. Her video is currently up for the public to vote on. If you have a Face Book account, please vote for her video at the link below. It is under her name - **TERESA SIBY**. You can vote once every day until March 20th. She really appreciates your support. Please keep her in your prayers.

If you would like to spread the message to your family and friends, please use the link below. Here is the link:

<https://sossafetymagazine.com/vote-2020/>

Final Lenten Ecumenical Service

“Finding Community in a Time of Pandemic”

Zoom Meeting

Sun, March 21st 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Preacher: The Rev. Peter Lisinski

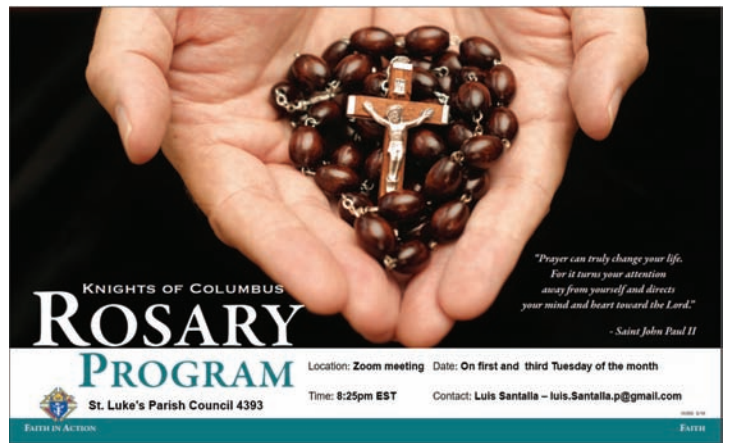
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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – St. Luke's Council 4393

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them in praying the Rosary on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Use the following link <https://us04webzoom.us/j/75249064744?pwd=QU1rTmhQZ1Bud0o4QU9kQWjNRQT09> or contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



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