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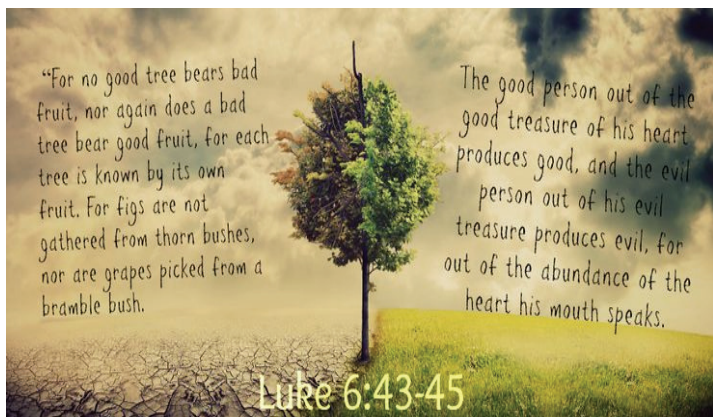
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 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
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In today's readings, which are a series of sayings, Jesus invites us to be radically honest when we ask ourselves "What sort of person am I, what is the fruit of my life, what effect do I have on others, and how do I use my words?" These are all challenging questions and to answer them honestly is even more challenging because we might just see in ourselves something that we really do not like. There is a shadow side to all of us that we would rather keep to ourselves. We hide behind masks because our capacity for self-deception is quite remarkable. Jesus describes as hypocrites those who notice faults in others, but who are blind to their own shortcomings. We are all guilty of hypocrisy when we put down others for the very faults we have ourselves. Since we never know the pain and struggle others may be experiencing, we are ill equipped to act as their judge. In this regard, the Sioux Indians have a very apt saying: 'Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked in his moccasins.' As followers of Christ, we must be people of integrity and avoid being judgmental.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Mass of Thanksgiving – Carol Menezes
Tuesday	Soul of Timothy Wing Yee Au Soul of Sean Fitzpatrick Soul of Tom Schmoll
Wednesday	Soul of Rev. Fr. Vito Mariliano , Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in North Brampton
Thursday	Soul of Brian Lynch
Friday	Soul of Stephen Y. L. Chua

Please pray for the sick in our community. May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens especially: **Leo Ceolin, Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Marie McCarron, Magdalene Ki, Rosaria Lee and Denis Soares**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

Into the Desert We Go

I will never forget a retreat I had 12 years ago. I was working through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola for many months and was getting close to completing them. My spiritual director suggested I complete them by going on a 6-day silent retreat at L'Arche where she worked part-time and I readily agreed. I was excited for my upcoming retreat and felt a deep sense of inner peace when I arrived.

Over the next 6 days I spoke with my spiritual director for an hour each day and spent time in prayer, enjoying nature and doing odd jobs. The first couple days were good and my prayer life was steady as I worked through the exercises. In the weeks leading up to the retreat my prayer life had been dry and this continued on the retreat but was not unusual and was manageable. On the 3rd day my prayer life really started to dry up as God felt distant and I struggled with the silence and the exercises. I was grieving the loss of the activities that normally occupied my day but I carried on. On the fifth-day I experienced one of the most wonderful moments of my life. I was praying and the scriptures literally came to life and I had a beautiful encounter with the Divine. In my prayer God came near and my heart was full of joy and tears filled my eyes as I shared the experience with my spiritual director.

Approaching Ash Wednesday in a few days I find it helpful to bring this memory to mind to remind me of the great love that God shared with me on that retreat and that same God is inviting us once again this Lent to leave the things of this world behind so that He can once again come near.

As the Catechism describes: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert," so in Lent we enter a barren landscape as Jesus did so we can encounter the glory of God as we prepare once again for the great feast of Easter and the realization that God is enough and exceeds all material pleasures. We can pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to reveal to us what barriers most impede our relationship with the Trinity and what spiritual practices we can put into place this Lent to overcome them.

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we make more time for God, detach from the world and more fully share our resources so that Christ resurrects once again and frees us from of the chains that limit our flourishing. Our emancipation takes time and this is why 40 days is necessary. God loves us beyond our wildest dreams and is waiting for the opportunity to reveal His love to us. Let us open the door this Lent as God welcomes us to our place at the Table of Life. John Humphries.

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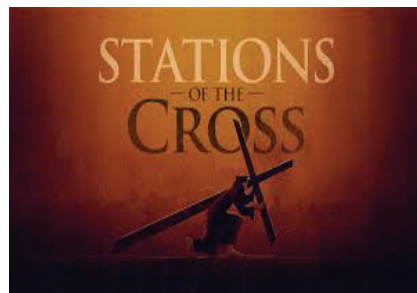
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Lent begins with **ASH Wednesday** on March 2, 2022. We are reminded of the meaning of Lent as a time of prayer, repentance and change of heart.

On Ash Wednesday masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and again at 7:00 pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday morning during Lent for a journey along the Stations of the Cross beginning at 9:30am.

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 Wednesday of each month via Zoom at 8:25pm. Contact Luis Santalla at: luis.Santalla.p@gmail.com for more information.



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2022 Children's Easter Drawing Contest

It is time for the 2022 Children's Easter Drawing contest! Submission deadline is noon April 23, 2022. Pickup an entry form at the parish entrances.



Lenten Series 2022 **"The Isolated Jesus"** **Sundays at 4:00 pm on Zoom**

Date: Sunday, March 6
Topic: Jesus in Gethsemane
Preacher: Joseph Kim

More information as well as the ZOOM link will be in next week's Bulletin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



This Friday, March 4th is the First Friday of the month. We will celebrate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & the Stations of the Cross beginning at 9:30 am.

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

Covid Restrictions

After almost 2 years, we received some very good news in time to insert in our bulletin.


Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022 places of worship are permitted to **offer 100% capacity with no physical distancing restrictions**. Please note masks will still be required in parish buildings.

As restrictions are cautiously lifted, we remain committed to following direction from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Thank you to everyone for your patience and co-operation during these exhausting & challenging times.

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