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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 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.
 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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As we begin our **Lenten journey** we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness. Nobody likes to dwell on sin as it touches a raw nerve, however sin is a tragedy and puts us out of step with God's plan. Lent is an inward journey to that quiet inner centre of our soul where one's own life and spirit are united with the life and Spirit of God. It is a long and arduous pilgrimage of self-discovery calling us to face up to our personal weaknesses and to the distractions that so preoccupy us that we forget about God.

The holy season of **Lent** is a time for conversion, for having a change of heart. We are invited to look at our own sinfulness, to fast and abstain from what we really enjoy, to give alms from what we have and not just from what is left over and to do it for the sake of people who have nothing. Above all, we are to pray and reflect on the word of God. Lent's challenge is to take charge of our lives in ways that will set us free to live life more generously and become more Christ-like people living in peace and harmony with each other.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of June Lookhong
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Anna Chan Soul of Paul Lam Soul of Hilda Hammond Soul of Champani Jayasekera
Wednesday	Soul of Timothy Wing Yee Au
Thursday	Soul of Fernanda Torelli
Friday	Soul of Romulo Tibor

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May sick and the suffering come to know that God the Father cares for them and that they are precious in his eyes, especially: Maria DiRienzo, Donna Shen, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Publico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber and Noli Reyes

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

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Resistance

"Him alone shall you serve."

It's the question that has been plaguing humanity literally since the beginning, which we read about in today's first reading from Genesis. Notice how the serpent does not deny the existence of God, for he knew that Adam and Eve personally encountered Him and that would be of no avail. No, the serpent's strategy was far more cunning: Plant the seed of doubt, and encourage them to look "past" God and back to themselves. Self-focus and pride are the root of all sin. We see the devil employ the same strategy with Christ (the new Adam that we hear about in the second reading) in this Gospel passage from St. Matthew.

Once in the desert and physically depleted from fasting, the devil enters. Note how the devil attacks our Lord when He is physically compromised. Temptation often comes to us when our bodies are at odds with our souls. Pay attention to how the evil one attempts to turn Christ's attention from the Father to Himself. He plays on Jesus' obvious hunger, God's fidelity (or lack thereof), and the human desire for earthly power. These are the tactics he employed then with our Lord and that he and his demons employ, still today, with us.

Lent is a purposeful journey into the desert through which our mother, the Church, seeks to help us get back to (or remain in) right order with God. Lent is a time to tackle our sin, confront our temptations, and subdue our human desires in light of our heavenly pursuit. Lent is where we don't just say we trust God but where we put our fasting where our mouth is.

Reflect: Our fasting during Lent is a way to help us resist the temptation of sin throughout the rest of the year by conditioning our will. Is there a sin that you struggle with that this time of Lent can help you conquer?

Challenge of the Week: During Lent, it is good to fast from something to unite yourself more closely with God. However, on top of fasting, you can also add something into your life that you do not normally do. This can be praying a rosary every day, making your bed every morning, and so on. This week, add a daily activity that takes discipline to accomplish.

-Alan Lee Hoy



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
GENERAL MEETING

There will be a CWL General meeting on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

Non-members are welcome to attend.



The Thornhill Ministerial Assoc.
Invites you to
LENTEN SERIES 2023
Gathering as God's People

"Gathering for Worship"

Sunday, February 26 - 4:00 pm
Thornhill Baptist Church
8018 Yonge Street

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

"Gathering to Grow"

Sunday, March 12 - 4:00 pm
Thornhill United Church
25 Elgin Street

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

"Gathering for Service"

Sunday March 26 - 4:00pm
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
39 Green Lane

Speaker: Mini Choi

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

24th LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 9:00am - 5:30pm

*Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front Street West, Toronto*

Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession. Come and experience why thousands return each year! Adult Rally - \$25.00 Youth (ages 13-18) - \$15.00 For details & registration visit www.LJHR.ca Email: contact@LJHR.ca or phone 647-243-9441



Join us in praying the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday morning during Lent at 9:30 am after mass. All are invited to come and spend an hour in prayer.



Join us Friday morning March 3rd at 9:30 am for Stations of the Cross and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend an hour with Jesus.

Join us for 1st Saturday Devotions March 4th at 8:30 am as we celebrate Our Mother Mary.



**Society of
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in **urgent need of new members**. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to find out more information, please contact the parish office.



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace & justice. Each year a different country writes the material. This year it is the women of Taiwan.

The hosting congregation this year is Renforth Baptist Church at Burnhamthorpe & Renforth. The service will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 1:00 pm. More information is available on the information table.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

As part of the 175th anniversary celebrations, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Social Dance** on Saturday, March 25th in the parish hall at 7:00 pm, Light refreshments will be served. Come & enjoy a wide assortment of ballroom and Latin dance music and enjoy two or three line-dancing performances. A \$10.00 per couple donation will be collected and reservations are required. See the information table for more information.

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