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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 - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

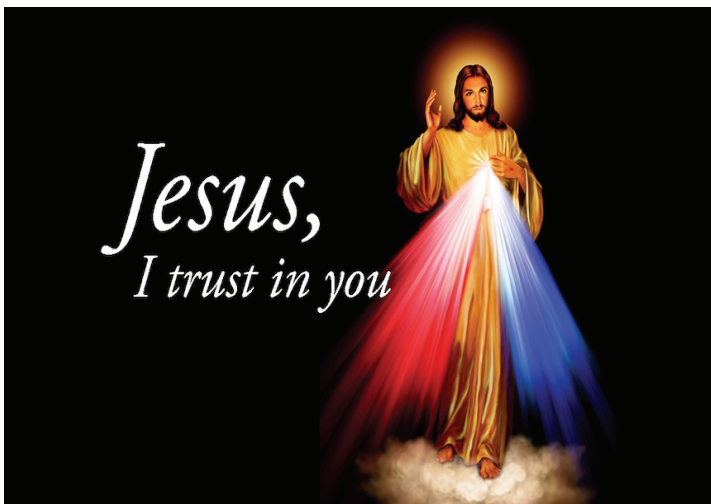
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Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and in our Gospel story, we meet the famous “doubting Thomas.” He would only believe that Jesus was alive if he could touch the wounds in his body. Jesus invited Thomas to do so, but also told him that the people who believed without seeing or touching were truly blessed. We are all so much like Thomas...not inclined to believe in anything except what we can touch, or feel; we want concrete evidence. The Scriptures today show us that aggressive questioning of belief can also be a way of walking the journey of faith. The way forward is simply to continue living our faith, no matter how impossible our beliefs may sometimes seem.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Lucretia & Clive Joseph
Tuesday	Soul of Steven Huta Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Kevin Gallagher Soul of Allen Yuk Moi Cheng Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall Soul of Americo Gorizzan
Wednesday	Soul of Robert Nixdorf
Thursday	Intentions of Sally Chin-Cham
Friday	Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee

Mystagogy

This Easter we prayerfully, warmly and joyfully welcomed many sisters and brothers into full communion with the Catholic Church. It was amazing to witness God work in their lives along this journey of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). You may or may not know, the Easter Vigil Mass, where these individuals entered into the Catholic Church isn't the final phase of RCIA. We are now beginning the last of the formal RCIA phases called Mystagogy. If you're like me, several years ago before leading the RCIA program, this word, “Mystagogy” was new and strange and I didn't know what it meant. “Mystagogy” comes from the Greek word meaning “mystery”; so, this phase or period in our liturgical calendar is when we're “led through the mysteries”.

In the early Church, the community used the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost to explain the mystery of the sacraments celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass; Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. This is a period of accompaniment for new Catholics as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. The newly baptized are called “neophytes,” from the Greek words meaning “new plant,” because the faith has been newly planted in them. Even though their catechetical preparation has been completed, they still have much to learn about what it means to live as Catholic Christians.

During Mystagogy, new Catholics, the neophytes and those who have come into full communion with the Catholic Church, will reflect on their experience of conversion, gain a deeper understanding of God's word, the sacraments, and what their new commitment means for their life – they will be moving from learning to living. They are invited to participate more fully in the life of the parish so that their faith may continue to be nourished and the faith of our community may be enhanced by the witness of its newest members. Neophytes will need the ongoing support of the community so that the faith newly planted in them can grow deep roots.

I encourage all of us to join the neophytes and those who have come into full communion with the Catholic Church in this period of mystagogy, to a deeper understanding of what it means to live not just as “Catholic Christians”, but as disciples of Christ in his Church, to open our hearts and minds to more fully receive the abundance of graces God desires and seeks to give us in the sacraments. I lovingly challenge you, and myself, to desire and seek ongoing conversion in our lives, where we **accept** each moment as God's will for our life, give God **access** to our life and hearts, and allow God's work to **act** in us and through us daily. This Easter Season, may Jesus' resurrection, restore and transform our lives so that we can become a little more like him each day.

- Alan Lee Hoy

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes, Ed Tan, Carl Rampersad, Elizabeth Liversidge and Fra. Michael G-Mariam**

April 7, 2024

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a “Spring Social Dance” on Saturday, April 13th in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 pm. For a \$15.00 admission donation, enjoy a variety of ballroom and Latin dance music as well as line dancing. Reservations are encouraged, as admission is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Luis Santalla at lk4393@ontariokofc.ca for more information.

Sincere thanks to our generous parishioners who, in the month of March donated a total of 65 casseroles or lasagnas to the **GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE** for the homeless. With each casserole feeding eight hungry individuals, St. Luke's parishioners fed 520 individuals! Your ongoing support of this program is critical to its success as we abide by Jesus' request to feed the hungry. Not yet enrolled? Please contact:

Debbie Araujo at: debbiedearaujo@gmail.com or

Margaret Hanley at: hanleyfamily@hotmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St. Luke's Council 4393

EASTER DRAWING CONTEST 2024

Time is running out for entries for The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393, Children's Easter drawing contest. The contest is designed to create awareness of this Christian celebration in our young parishioners. **Submission deadline is Sunday, April 14th.**

The top entry in each of the 3 age categories will receive a \$50.00 gift card. The winning drawings will appear on the St. Luke's website!

More details can be found on our website and on the information table in the Narthex.

The Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus invite you to:

SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES

Featuring “FATIMA”

In the parish hall on Saturday, April 6th beginning at 6:00pm

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