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 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.

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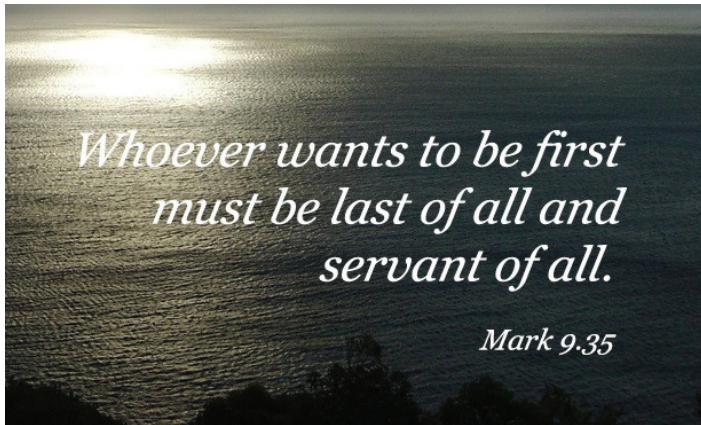
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Name	Phone
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Children & Dates of Births:	
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
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*Whoever wants to be first
must be last of all and
servant of all.*

Mark 9.35

The human ego is again at work in the Gospel story as the disciples of Jesus argue over which one of them is the greatest. They have proven by these actions that they have merely been along for the ride. They have not understood what He has taught or what He is about and were certainly clueless about the meaning of His impending passion and death. His response to them must have been both puzzling and shocking: the greatest is the one who is last and the servant of all. It goes against so much of what makes up the human personality: competition, dominance, recognition and self-promotion.

Deflating the hungry ego is hard work, but something to which we should pay a lot more attention. If we do not, then even the good we do becomes contaminated with self-seeking and selfish desire. The spirituality that Jesus imparted to His followers was intended to bring about a profound interior change. True disciples are those who govern their lives by the law of **love** and who strive to be men and women for others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Randy Passarelli
Tuesday	Soul of Doris Kahnert Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Robert Sutikno Soul of Eugene & Julian Peñoso Jr. Soul of Eden Llantero Soul of Eufemia Azuela & Esteban Alde
Wednesday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Thursday	Soul of Peter Bachetti
Friday	Soul of David Smith

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially:

**Fra. Michael G-Mariam, Elizabeth and Tonya
Liversidge**

What did Jesus mean when?

“Sometimes we are incredibly stupid because we insist on being super smart. Jesus clearly, simply, and literally told his apostles that he would be arrested and killed and rise from death three days later, and they did not understand it. Why not? It could not have been any clearer: because they insisted on interpreting it in some symbolic, mystical, esoteric, or allegorical way. Why? Why were they looking for some hidden meaning when the meaning was right out there in front of them? Because they could not believe the obvious, literal meaning of it. This is a good example of how faith often comes first and leads reason, leads the mind, rather than vice versa.”

“One of the 20th century's profoundest theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar, was once asked what he thought he would ask St. John the Evangelist, if he met him in heaven, and what John's answer would be. Balthasar answered something like this: “Well, I would probably be stupid enough to ask him what was the significance of the number 153 in the last chapter of his Gospel. When he met Jesus after his resurrection on the shore, after he had been fishing all night and caught nothing, Jesus told him to cast his nets on the other side of the boat. He caught so many fish that they almost sank the boat, and when he landed and counted the fish, there were 153 of them. I am embarrassed to say that I would probably ask him why he wrote that number, and he would probably give me this profound answer: Because they were 153 of them.”... ”

... “Good teachers usually mean exactly what they say, and their students are often surprised at that. That is why Jesus often has to add the rabbinic formula “Don't nuance this; don't allegorize it; don't dance clever little dances around the strait, clear, plain, and obvious meaning of it. I say exactly what I mean, and I mean exactly what I say.”

“There are often many layers of meaning in Jesus profound sayings, but they always add to the 1st and clearest and obvious meaning; they never subtract from it or offer an alternative to it, a way to avoid it.”...

... “Jesus is much more often misunderstood. By sophisticated theologians than by simple Saints like Mother Teresa of Kolkata, who rarely use words of more than one syllable, but who never lost an argument. Her sayings, like Jesus, always cut through the baloney. For instance, “How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.”... ”

... “There is a line in an old hymn that says, “If our love were but simpler, we should take Him at his word.” In addition, if we did that, what would happen? Read the Gospels again with that in mind and find out. Spoiler alert: I'll give you one prediction - If you do that, if you believe everything Jesus says, your life will never be the same again.”

-Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soulp.694-696

Sept 22, 2024

BLESSING OF THE PETS



This year the **BLESSING OF THE PETS** will be on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 pm. Please bring your pets to the NW entrance of the church before 1:30 am.

HOLYLAND RELIGIOUS ITEMS



The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem – *the birthplace of Jesus* – is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area.

Jenny from Holy Land Wood Art will be in the parish hall **this weekend** offering a variety of religious items for sale. Join her

before & after mass to view a selection of rosaries, bracelets, carved figurines & many gift ideas. Every purchase helps strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Thank you.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SEPT 28/29 & OCT 5/6TH WEEKENDS

Thanksgiving is approaching! Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Georgina Community Food Pantry.**
THANK YOU!



CWL BAKE SALE October 5 & 6th

Please join us in the parish hall after all masses for some yummy baked treats. Proceeds will be donated to the Richmond Hill Food Bank.

What is Alpha?



Alpha is a place to explore your Faith with others. Each session has food, talk & discussion!

It is designed for **everyone** – people with faith or have questions about their faith or of no faith.


It is an opportunity to invite your family or friends to hear the Gospel and explore a relationship with Jesus. You can even attend with them!

Date: Mondays from Sept 16th - Dec 02nd, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

REGISTRATION: <https://linktr.ee/stlukesalpha>

All are welcome! May all who come as guests, leave as friends. For further details, please contact the St. Luke's Alpha team at stlukesalphaseries@gmail.com



Praise & Worship

Join us Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for an evening of Praise & Worship. All are welcome!



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL Bundle Up Weekend Oct 5 & 6th

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the NW corner of the church parking lot to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please ... no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** The trailer will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers to assist with loading the trailer before and after each mass are always welcome. **THANK YOU!**

Tuna Casserole Program

A gentle reminder that casseroles for Good Shepherd Centre are due next weekend. Please place your casseroles in the parish freezer for pickup on Monday, September 30th.
Please help us feed the hungry.

Thank you.



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