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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

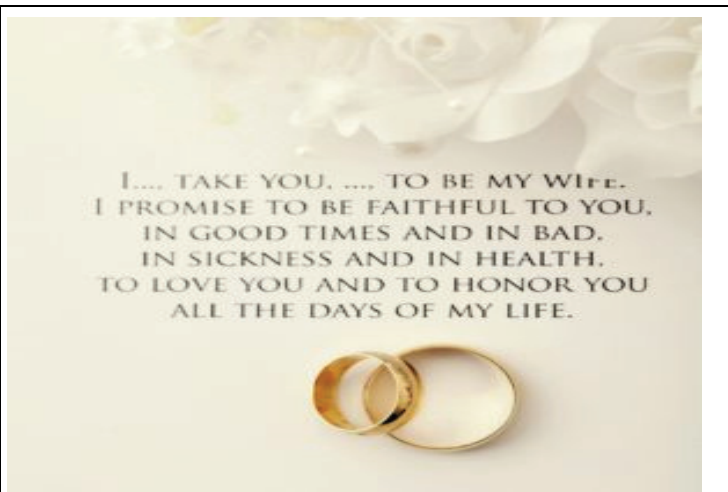
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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

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"/>



I.... TAKE YOU. TO BE MY WIFE.
I PROMISE TO BE FAITHFUL TO YOU,
IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD.
IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH.
TO LOVE YOU AND TO HONOR YOU
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

Marriage is, and always has been, a fragile institution. When Jesus upheld the permanence of marriage, he was going against the popular opinion of his time. It is clear from his teaching that he expected the highest of standards in marriage, as in everything else. Christ never promised that marriage would be a lifetime of romance and bliss as, for all its great joys, it is an immensely difficult enterprise. Like all great tasks and all great callings, marriage is no easy choosing. It is a serious undertaking and anyone carrying around a notion of marriage bringing instant happiness is going to feel shortchanged. Marriage is also a tried and tested way in which children grow up feeling loved as well as providing the stability and security that they need. No other setting has proven better for the nourishing and flourishing of children.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Joseph Yeh
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Intentions of Aiden Kwon Intentions of Enza Flaim Soul of Jerry Ambrozic Soul of Frances Anne Morrison
Wednesday	Soul of Edita Palma Papa
Thursday	Soul of Philomena & Vincent D'Souza
Friday	Soul of Edita Palma Papa

Pencils in the Hand of God

In the Gospel this weekend we witness the disciples trying to keep the children from coming to Jesus, but Jesus responds by saying: "Let the children come to me: do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then Jesus embraces and blesses the children placing his hands on them.

The passage reminds me of a quote from St. Teresa where she describes herself as a little pencil in God's hands: "He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more."

In many ways we are like children, small pencils in the hands of God. We need to be embraced and held if we hope to embody the message God is writing to the world through us. The more we submit to the loving Hand that created and holds us, the more authentic we will be. I think it is the greatest challenge for many of us: 'to let go and let God' as the saying goes. To entrust ourselves into the loving hands of God and feel the security of his presence.

As St. Teresa describes, from time to time, we may experience a painful sharpening, but this is necessary for us to become sharper pencils and to write more clearly. It is helpful to remember that like pencils we have an eraser attached to us, the sacrament of Reconciliation, which helps us to greater align our will with the will of the Pencil Maker.

It is also important to remember that the most valuable part of us will always be what's on the inside hidden from the world, just as the graphite is within the pencil. The more we write the greater we unveil the mystery within, as Christ is slowly unveiled over time through reception of the Eucharist. What's inside has been freely given, a gift to be accepted and shared.

As pencils, we are invited to leave a mark in every encounter. In our communities, we are called to love the other as they are fellow pencils in the hands of God writing the masterpiece with us. No matter what our condition or how small we become the Pencil Maker continues to use us and often in an even greater capacity.

So let us thank God, the Pencil Maker for creating us and continuing to write the Gospel through us. Each morning let us wait for God to take us in his loving hand and joyfully rest there all day long.

John Humphries

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, Marie Wright, Hamil Achim, Chantal Soriano and Wilfredo Soriano

October 6, 2024



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6th, 2-3:00 p.m.

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year in the parking lot at the South East corner of Yonge and Steeles Ave. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Life, the first inalienable right,” and “Adoption, the loving option.” You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain. You can also contact Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851 and greg.benoit@rogers.com



CWL BAKE SALE
October 5 & 6th

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

If you love to bake and would like to donate baked goods, please sign up on the flip chart in the narthex or contact Maria or Carolyn whose information is on the flip chart and they will provide you with more details.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

On Monday September 30th, across the country, we observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Special collection envelopes are in the pew pockets this weekend for your donations. A message from Archbishop Leo is also available on the information table.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GENERAL MEETING

There will be a Knights of Columbus general meeting on Wednesday, October 9th in the upstairs meeting room beginning at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
OCT 5/6TH WEEKEND

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!

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA
Supporting Bishops in their Pastoral Mission across the Country

There is still time to donate to the Needs of the Church in Canada. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.



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

This weekend a St. Vincent de Paul trailer is located in the NW corner of the church parking lot to collect household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, new toys, small household good and draperies/towels, 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!**

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