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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:

New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



Je Me Souviens

Recently I was preparing a retreat and as the retreat got closer my fears started to kick in. Questions started filling my head like: What if I don't get everything ready on time? What if it doesn't go well? Fears I am sure we all experience from time to time.

As I was praying, I brought my fears to the Lord and sheepishly shared: "the usual fears are here can you help?" As I remained in prayer, I could feel God reminding me: "I have always been with you, why would this time be any different. Just remember. Reluctantly I accepted God's invitation to remember and immediately felt a sense of peace. Everything ended up going well and God blessed the event in many unexpected ways. All I needed was to remember God's faithfulness and ask myself, "Do I really think that God will abandon me at this point when He never has?"

We see Jesus doing this with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary following his resurrection when they were distraught and mourning over his passing. Jesus appears to them and tells them not to be afraid but to go and tell his brothers to go to Galilee and they will see him there. Jesus is true to his word and appears to the eleven disciples on the mountain to which he directed them giving them all authority in heaven and on earth to make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to remember that He is with them always, to the end of the age. Jesus could have commissioned the disciples in Jerusalem but instead invites them back to where the majority of his ministry took place and the foundation was laid in Galilee. He brings them back to where their memories were strongest and instructs them to remember.

Memory is the foundation of the covenantal relationship between God and his Chosen People also. Throughout the Old Testament, we witness God and the prophets encouraging the people not to forget the promise made to them in the beginning that Yahweh would be their God and they would be his people, despite their propensity to forget.

This week we encounter Jesus' greatest healing in Mark as Bartimaeus is healed of blindness. As Jesus is leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus calls out: 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.' In calling Jesus, 'Son of David' we see Bartimaeus remembering the prophetic promise made to David that a son of his would sit on his throne forever. A promise that many of the Jews of Jesus' time had forgotten or refused to remember. It was a promise that Bartimaeus never lost hope in. Like the blind man we too are invited to be pillars of hope in our world of fear calling out with Bartimaeus: 'Jesus, Son of David have mercy on me,' remembering God's faithfulness, his love and his providence. Amen. John Humphries.

This gospel story of a man who is blind and moves out of the darkness and isolation to acknowledge Jesus as his Lord could be directed to us. Blindness to the light of Christ takes various forms. Our eyes are not yet open in many ways. When our minds are full of hate, prejudice and bigotry we are prevented from seeing goodness in our neighbour. There is a blindness when we are drifting aimlessly through life, getting no job satisfaction from our work, feeling trapped in a loveless relationship and unable to break free. What about those who are overlooked and go unnoticed because they are travellers, refugees, unemployed or handicapped in one way or another? Blindness comes in so many ways but the deepest level must surely be when we lack spiritual vision and our eyes are closed to God. The good news is that Christ is always ready to hear our call and willing to answer our plea for help.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Stuart King
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll
	Soul of George V. Pinto
	Soul of America Gorizzan
	Soul of Rosalba Jaramillo Ramirez
	Soul of Peter William Tshu
Wednesday	Soul of Aidan Bucks
Thursday	Intentions of Gloria & Paolo Beltrano
Friday	Soul of Alice Van Patten

Please pray for the sick in our community.
 May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially:
Elizabeth and Tonya Liversidge,
Chantal Soriano, Wilfredo Soriano and Ann
Bozabalian

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This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Souls on **Friday evening, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** It is a time to remember and make present our deceased family members and once more entrust them into the loving care of God.

The names of those **who have died since last November** will be announced in a special way during the service with all names placed in the memorial basket at the altar to be prayed for at each mass during the month of November.

If a family member or friend has passed **within the past year**, and you would like them remembered, e-mail their name to stlukesth@archtoronto.org by Tuesday, October 30 for their names to be included in the program.

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393

* There is no change to our Friday morning mass at 9:00 am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL 4393

are sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
The topic is: *What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why.*

How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

The contest is open to catholic students in grades 8-12.

For more information, contact: James McDonald at 647-419-9534 or Luis Santalla at gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

The due date is November 1st at 12:00 noon.

Many Thanks!!

Thank you to everyone who donated gently used items that helped fill another trailer to support our fall **St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday.**



MANRESA JESUIT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTRE - Pickering

Presents

A DAY OF REFLECTION

Walking Together with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters

With Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ

Monday, October 28, 2024

Beginning at 9:00am

Please see the bulletin board or information table for more details.



Tuna Casserole Program

A gentle reminder that this weekend casseroles for Good Shepherd Centre are due. Please place your casseroles in the parish freezer for pickup on Monday & be sure to include a label with your name & phone number on it. *Please help us feed the hungry.*

Thank you.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Join us in the sanctuary for an evening of Praise & Worship on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.



WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY **Nov 9th & 10th**

The Knights of Columbus has sponsored, via the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, the delivery of thousands of wheelchairs around the globe.

The program delivers mobility to those who have no means to

acquire a wheelchair. Through this mobility comes freedom, dignity and hope. Please see a member of the **Knights of Columbus – St Luke's Council 4393** in the narthex to arrange a tax-deductible donation. Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393 invites all parishioners to join them to support their **COATS FOR KIDS** campaign.

Your **on-line financial donation** enables the Knights of Columbus to purchase warm winter clothing for children in need. For more information & to make your on-line donation go to: KofC/Coats-for-Kids Ontario

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