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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

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



In our Gospel today Jesus teaches us that the two primary and essential commandments are to love God with all one’s heart, soul, and mind and to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

Loving God with our whole self and thinking as much of other people as we do ourselves is a tall order, but the two cannot be separated. We love God by loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. God does not demand the highest standards without giving us the means to reach the goal. Jesus came into our midst and by his example showed how the love of the Lord was to be lived among the poor, the sick, the aged and the lonely. A life spent trying to love God and our neighbor will be a happy one. When we put it into practice, we are not far from the kingdom of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | Deceased family & friends of John & Teresa Lee |
| Tuesday | Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Soul of Leo Ceolin Soul of Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall Intentions of Teresa Wall Intentions of Pauline Ho |
| Wednesday | Deceased members of the D’Sylva Family |
| Thursday | Deceased members of the Capili Family |
| Friday | Soul of San Hu |

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, Ann Bozabalian
and Kevin Chu**

One of the most important things Jesus ever said...

“This is one of the most important things Jesus ever said. It is also one of the most famous. And it is also one of the clearest. And yet there is a deep mystery to it. When Jesus replied calmly, “you are not far from the Kingdom of God,” What did he mean? Why was the scribe not fully in Christ’s Kingdom - In fact, in its very center? What more was there? For Jesus there is always more. ...Everything he says suggests something more, like a scent that triggers a distant memory that hovers just beyond your mind’s grasp. His words come from a mind that we do not fully comprehend. ...When he is questioned, he sometimes seems to avoid the question, but he never does: He always goes to the very heart of the question, or, rather, to the very heart of the questioner. ...The scribe in today’s Gospel also longs to understand & to enter the Kingdom of God,...& he understands that that reign must exist in souls, not just in states; Within, not just without. Jesus’ use of the political term “kingdom” was a sign, a political symbol, not a political reality. ...Christ spoke about nothing more often than “the kingdom of God.” It was His central theme because it was His central purpose. Christ came to earth to establish the “Kingdom. God,” & His church is the Kingdom of God. There are many definitions of the church, but probably the two deepest ones are “the Mystical Body of Christ” & “the People of God.” The two seem opposite: The first, “the Mystical Body of Christ,” is invisible, & the second, “the People of God,” is visible. The first is mysterious, & the second is clear. The first is cosmic, & the second is person. The first is divine, and the second is human. But the two definitions should never be separated, but always seem together. The Church of Christ is both. Invisible & visible, both internal, in souls, and external, in the visible reality. It’s both very mysterious & very clear... It’s both cosmic and personal. It’s both divine & human-like Christ himself. It’s Christ himself, his Body. Your body is you, not one of your possessions. We do not have a body: you are a body—just as you do not have a soul: you are a soul. “The full Christ” is both head & body. As your head & body are one, Christ the head & the Church his body are one. He is always more, much more, than we think we have, more than we think we understand, and he will always be that forever in heaven. ...And so even when the best possible answer in words is given to a tremendously important question, as Jesus gave us in today’s Gospel, there is always more than the surface. Not less, never less, always more: more truth, more goodness, more beauty; more light, more love, more life; more understanding, more charity, more joy. There’s always more in his words because he is the Word of God, and there’s always more in God, infinitely & forever.”

-Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soul p.760-762

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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



The Catholic Women’s League & Knights of Columbus invite you to their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on Saturday, **November 16th from 4pm until 6:30pm** and Sunday, **November 17 from 8am until 2pm** in the parish hall. Just in time for Christmas, **visiting vendors** will be selling a wide variety of items. Enjoy complimentary coffee/tea while you shop & then visit the hotdog & soup counter for a quick bite to eat. Don’t forget to purchase raffle tickets for a selection of beautiful baskets!



ALL SOULS

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members & friends on the All Souls envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Place the envelope in the basket at the altar for remembrance prayers at every mass in November.



The Shepherds' Trust Caring for those who always cared for us.

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds’ Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

For many of our retired shepherds, this means, “lending a hand” to accommodate their special needs so that they continue to live with dignity. **The Shepherds’ Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese the weekend of November 16/17.**

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Luke’s CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 7th - 7:00 PM



Once again, the choirs of St. Luke’s will be ringing in the Christmas season as only music can. Come join us as the 4 choirs (yes the kids are included) of our parish sing both individually and together the delightful songs of the season to help prepare your hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The concert is free but a basket will be available for a free will offering. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Monday, NOVEMBER 11, 2024



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