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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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Name Phone.....

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Children & Dates of Births:

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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



The **Feast of Christ the King** is placed at the end of the church year to make us aware that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. It should awaken an awareness that we are temporary residents of this world and our destination is elsewhere. As we journey on our pilgrim way, there are many voices calling for our attention, competing for our allegiance and luring us down alleyways that would be better avoided. Whatever situations we find ourselves in as Christians and whatever laws we are required to obey, it is important to remember that earthly authority is not the last word. There is a higher law, a more demanding citizenship seeking our allegiance, which calls us to risk all for the sake of all. We know that on judgement day our future will be assured if we have listened to Christ’s voice, accepted his values and followed in his footsteps.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Maria Carmela Scarfo
Tuesday	Intentions of Jessie Schmall Intentions of Tony & Yvette Pinto Soul of Teresa Yuk Yin Kong Soul of Margaret & Hui So Kuen Soul of Marlene Sorrenti
Wednesday	Soul of Aldwyn Pedro Jr.
Thursday	Deceased members of the Navaratnam & Rajasingham Families
Friday	Soul of George V. Pinto

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**

Are you the king of the Jews?

“In today’s Gospel, it is ironic that it is Pontius Pilate who asks Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus does not look like a king. He has just been tortured, scourged, and crowned with thorns, not with gold, and Pilate is about to sentence him to be crucified. And Jesus answers Pilate’s question by affirming that his kingdom is not of this world. He is a greater king, not a lesser one, than Caesar, Lord of the world. He is the king of all earthly rulers including Pilate.

Jesus gave a strange answer to Pilate's question. Pilate asked, “Then you are a king?” And Jesus answered, “You say I am a king.” but Pilate did not say that Jesus was a king; Pilate asked Jesus whether he was a king. What's going on here? When Pilate had Jesus crucified, he had his sign made to go on the cross that said, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.” ... Why did Pilate say that? Because Pilate knew, that Jesus really was a king. Pilate was not ignorant.... He may have not known that Jesus was divine, but he did know that Jesus was innocent, yet he sinned against the truth he knew, against his own conscience. That's why Jesus said to Pilate, “You say I am a king. [In other words, your own conscience tells you that I am a true king, a spiritual king.] For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice”. Pilate deliberately sinned against the truth that he knew. He sneeringly and scornfully said, “What is truth?”. In other words, “truth be damned.” He did not merely condemn Christ; He condemned truth, and that is a mortal sin. It kills the soul. If not repented of, it prevents you from going to heaven. Whenever we ask God “Who are you?” God replies, “Who are you?” We have to answer that question every time we make a choice between good and evil, or between truth. and falsehood, between light and darkness, between the true God and false gods, idols. All sins are idolatries. That is our life task, because God is real, and there is only one God, and only God is God, and nothing else is God, and God is the king of all creation, the king of the universe, and the king of every human person, and of every human life. And Jesus Christ is God; Jesus Christ is Lord. That is the first and shortest of all Christian creeds. We find it stated twice in Saint Paul's epistles. The three word formula “Jesus is Lord.”

If you really believe that and practice that in our lives, then the Kingdom of God will come, and God's will will be done on earth by us as it is in heaven by the angels. That is the ultimate meaning of our lives: to be honest, unlike Pilate; to love and seek and acknowledge and live the truth; to be sane, to live in reality, to live in the real world, to live out the ultimate fact that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

-Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soul p.801-803



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.

**St. Luke's ADVENT 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.



SUNDAY MISSAL

Please contact the parish office if you wish to purchase a Sunday Missal for \$8.00.



Youth Christmas Choir

Students in grades 2-12 are invited to sing in the Youth Choir for the Advent concert and Christmas Eve mass.

Choir practice has started with more information at <https://tinyurl.com/yx6w7243>



**St. Vincent De Paul
Christmas Baskets**

As we prepare to enter the Christmas 2024 season and face the end of another very challenging year for so many, we are reminded of the less fortunate and how we can make a difference in their lives. Specially marked envelopes are available in the narthex and pew pockets for donations to the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket** program. Your generous donations assist in providing gift cards to needy families in our community, enabling them to participate in this joyous season. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 8th with distribution of gift cards to our needy families during that week. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

* Tax receipts will be issued by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



**Handicraft Holy Land
Christians**

On the weekend of November 30 & December 1st we will welcome a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique, hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase in the parish hall.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support them at:

www.HolylandChristians.ca



Tuna Casserole Program

Mathew in Chapter 25 quoted Jesus as having said "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink..... whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for Me".

It is in that spirit, we remind you that casseroles are due next weekend. Your generosity helps to feed the homeless and many needy families out of the Good Shepherd Centre in downtown Toronto. If you would like to contribute or donate to this program, please contact Debbie Araujo at 647-884-3744, or Margaret Hanley at 905-881-1837 for further information. Thank you.

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