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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.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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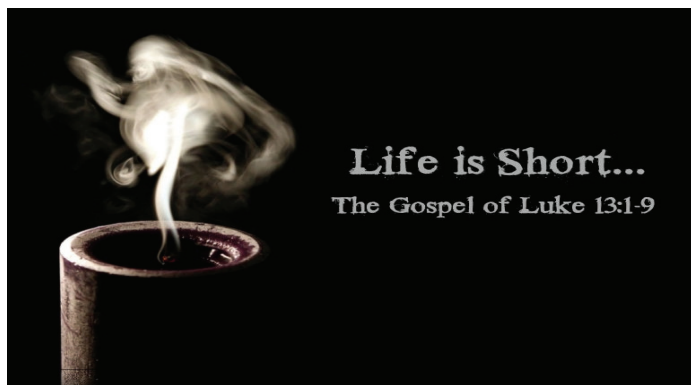
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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



Into His Loving Arms

There are many reasons why I believe God exists and one we all experience during Lent, that is the special grace to fast, pray and alms give. Throughout the year, many of us find it difficult to fast for even a few hours yet during Lent we embark on a 40 day fast together.

At the same time, Lent can be very humbling. In attempting to fast, pray and alms give, we encounter our weakness as we struggle to keep our Lenten promises. This is helpful because how can we judge our neighbour when we struggle to avoid coffee for just 24 hours. The key to Lent and the entire Christian life though, is not that we fall as this is inevitable but how we respond when we do.

Recently I said some harsh words to one of my children. As I was saying them, I knew that I shouldn't, but I was carried away and said them regardless. Reflecting on my actions, I felt great shame and wanted to crawl into a hole of self-condemnation. Then suddenly a thought came to me in the form of a question, which I believe was God asking me: "Why do you condemn yourself in such moments when you could turn to me?" I realized this was true. In such situations, the last person I wanted to look to was God as I preferred to hide like Adam and Eve in the garden after they had sinned, and the Lord came walking. I realized that it is in precisely these moments that I need to run into the outstretched arms of Jesus who has already plumbed the depths of God forsakenness through his death on the cross so no matter how far I run from the Father I am always running into the outstretched arms of his beloved Son.

Now in my weak moments when I am struggling rather than struggle alone, I imagine myself joining Jesus in the desert and together we rebuke my temptation with words of Scripture: "Man does not live by bread alone, worship only God, do not put God to the test, you are my beloved child." Adopting this perspective has transformed my experience of Lent from a time of isolation into a time of growth. An experience to be cherished not avoided.

The root of asceticism is the ancient Greek word "askesis" meaning "training" or "exercise" which originally referred to physical training for athletic events and was later extended to rigorous practices for spiritual attainment. So Lent is a time of training and like physical athletes who thrive on the challenge of overcoming physical challenges as spiritual athletes we thrive on overcoming spiritual challenges through the grace of our Lord & Saviour.

And what are we training for? The race we all hope to finish with St. Paul when we receive the crown of righteousness that is specially reserved for each of us, when earthly attachments are replaced by heavenly ones. Amen.

John Humphries.

Lent is a grace-filled time to take stock of our lives, recognise our sinfulness and avail of the window of opportunity this holy season provides for repentance. One of the greatest enemies of the moral life is putting things on the long finger and waiting until tomorrow to do something. Such a person is forever looking forward to the right moment and the golden opportunity that never arrives. Someone once said that life is what happens when something else is planned. The great mistake is to think that we are in control. All things considered, few of the really importance occurrences of any person's life are programmed. The truth is that the most significant things happen among the commonplace and when least expected. It is a risky business putting repentance off to a later date because we have no idea how long our moment of grace will last. At the close of every day, which is a God given gift and an opportunity to grow in grace, it is worth reflecting on what good we could have done and neglected to do.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 24 - 28


Monday	Soul of Jim Gallagher & Troy
Tuesday	Soul of Richard Jean Soul of Ina Maher Soul of John Crasto Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Intentions of Ingrid Achong
Wednesday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Thursday	Deceased members of the Fonseca Family
Friday	Soul of Joseph, Josephine, Luigi & Isa Quetela

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, Aileen Simone
Crean, Ann Bozabalian, John Nugent and Emily
Baker

March 23, 2025




WORD on FIRE

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THE MASS



**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S
NEWEST STUDY PROGRAM**

TIME: 7:00PM - 8:30 PM
DATE: MARCH 20 - JUNE 05
 THURSDAYS BI-WEEKLY
LOCATION: UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM

REGISTER: LINKTR.EE/STLUKESTHYM
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Join us Friday mornings during Lent, following mass, for **The Stations of the Cross**, a devotional journey through the last hours of Jesus' life.

Also following mass, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, **the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed** for adoration until 11:45 am.

Tuesday evenings, following mass & devotions, **the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed** for adoration until 8:45 pm.



Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

Sunday March 30th is the first collection of our 2025 ShareLife Campaign.
 Our goal for 2022 is **\$174,000.00**

LENTEN CONFESSIONS



Tuesday, April 1st - following the 7:00 pm mass
Wednesday April 2nd - following the 9:00 am mass



**St. Vincent de Paul
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March 29/30 and April 5/6**

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink” (Matthew 25:35).

You can help feed the hungry by bringing non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, baby food, etc.) to the parish the weekends of March 29/30 & April 5/6. Your donations support the Georgina Community Food Pantry. Every month hundreds of food hampers are distributed to the hungry & needy in their community.

THANK YOU!



***One Body,
Many Parts***
**Thornhill Ministerial
Lenten Series 2025**
 Sundays at 4:00 pm
 March 23 & April 6

March 23 – **The Diversity of the Body**
 Thornhill United Church, 25 Elgin Street
 Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

April 6 – **The Work of the Body**
 St. Luke's RC Church, 39 Green Lane
 Speaker: The Rev. Mini Choi

Totus Tuus 2025
July 20th – July 25th
Registrations are open!

Please be sure to register soon, as spots are limited and the early-bird fee, which is \$150, ends on April 15th. Please see the parish website stlukesth@archtoronto.org for registration details and more information!
 For any questions or concerns, please contact our Youth Minister Krishna Santhakumar.

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