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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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New Parishioner ☐

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Peace I leave with you;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and
DO NOT BE AFRAID.
 JOHN 14:27 NIV

In the gospel today, we can sense the natural fear of the disciples when they finally realise Jesus is leaving them. Jesus was aware of their anxiety and prepared them for his departure with the assurance that they would never be alone. He would always be present in their midst through the action of the Holy Spirit who would teach and guide them. His final words were the pledge of a God-given peace, 'A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you.'

The parting promise of Christ on earth is as relevant today as it was to those frightened disciples. Peace is something we all want. The peace of Christ does not mean that everything in our life will be perfect. The peace of Christ is something deeper and more profound than this. It is a peace that begins with knowing that we are loved and forgiven, that God has seen and experienced the worst of us and has declared his love for us anyway. It means that we are at one with God and in harmony with our neighbour.

MASS INTENTIONS
May 26 - May 30

Monday	Soul of Astrid Gutting
Tuesday	Soul of Art Walker Soul of Jeff Smith Soul of Michael John Havery Intentions of Jessie Schmoll Mass of Thanksgiving – The Honesto Pena Family
Wednesday	Soul of Al Witzig
Thursday	Soul of George V. Pinto
Friday	Soul of Angel Papa

Please pray for the sick in our community.
 May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

The Treasure Within

In Genesis God provides for Adam and Eve, they could eat from any of the trees in the Garden of Eden except for one, the tree in the centre of the garden or they would surely die. As we know, they gave into temptation and subsequently were banished but interestingly they did not die. How can this be? We know that God would not lie and always keeps his word so what happened?

The truth is that they did die, not a physical but a spiritual death. Following their sin the spiritual life they enjoyed with God ended and they no longer enjoyed intimacy with God. Thankfully, this is not the end of the story and God had a plan to reintegrate humanity into right relationship with him. Jesus came to take on and die for the original trespass and all other sin and through Baptism, fallen humanity was resuscitated into full spiritual relationship with God again.

The tearing of the temple veil, as depicted in the Bible, signifies the end of the old covenant and the establishment of a new relationship between God and humanity through Jesus Christ. The veil, which separated the Holy of Holies (where God's presence was believed to dwell) symbolizes the barrier between God and humanity due to sin. By tearing it in two from top to bottom, God demonstrated that this barrier was no longer in place, and the Holy Trinity would make its home within each of us as a new temple and dwelling place of God.

I was fortunate to have personally experienced this resuscitation or you might even say resurrection as I lived the first 26 years of my life in a state of spiritual death. It wasn't until my Baptism that I began to experience the full reception of the Spirit. It wasn't that the Spirit did not exist in my life for I had moments when I was guided and inspired just as the people of the Old Testament were, but an experience of the indwelling Spirit I did not have.

Like all things we are blessed with, it is natural to take them for granted. This is why it is possible to not fully appreciate or receive the words that we hear in this weekend's Gospel. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." A gift beyond all comprehension this most definitely is. How blessed we all are that God desires to make his home within us, to become his earthly tabernacles. So, what does this mean for our prayer life? It means that we can simply close our eyes, take a deep breath and abide in the presence of God dwelling within. Like sitting around a campfire and enjoying each other's presence. So often my prayer life is struggling to find God when really, I should relax and allow God to find me. Ironically, the spiritual life is a lifelong journey to search and discover a treasure we have always possessed. Amen. John Humphries.

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The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393 will



be holding their Spring Social Dance next Saturday - May 31st in the parish hall beginning at 7:00 pm.

A suggested \$15.00 donation will go towards St. Luke's Youth Programs.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Pope's Pastoral Works

TODAY– May 25, 2025

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1970., the Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.



Message for the Month of the Blessed Mother May 2025

To access the message from
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto go to
<https://www.archtoronto.org>

Rev. Fr. William (Bill) Burns



Rev. Fr. Bill Burns faithfully served the parish of St. Luke's for 17 years from 1998-2015. On Friday May 23rd he celebrated 60 fruitful years of Ordination to the Priesthood.

The following is a message to the parishioners of
St. Luke's Parish from Fr. Bill

In May 1965, I was ordained to the Priesthood at St. Carthagh's Church in Tweed, Ont. I am now celebrating my 60th anniversary. Each parish, in which I have served, brought me blessings. I invite you to join with me prayerfully in giving thanks for those blessings.

A Mass to mark the occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8th at 11:15 am at Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Ave., just north of Finch Ave., in Toronto.

A light reception will follow the Mass at Blessed Trinity at which time you can offer personal congratulations to Fr. Bill.

When Fr. Bill retired in 2015, parishioners of St. Luke's Parish established **The William T. Burns Bursary in Lay Ministry** at Regis College, University of Toronto, to honor both his retirement & 50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood. Please contact the office if you would like to donate to the bursary as we now celebrate his 60 years of Ordination to the Priesthood!

***Dear Fr. Bill, Congratulations from all of us
at St. Luke's Parish***

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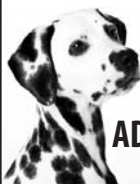
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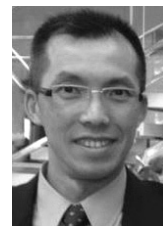
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