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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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The Most Holy Trinity



Today's **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity** brings us to the foundation of our faith as it calls us to reflect on the life of God. Even though we cannot fully understand it, the Trinity gives us a wonderful insight into, and provides us with an opportunity to reflect on, the inner life of God. The beauty and majesty of the world around us bear the hallmark of God's creative hand. However, it does not capture the whole picture, because God is a mystery, which means there is always more to discover, more to share and experience about him. He is greater than our human attempts to understand, above and beyond our thoughts and capacity to define. We are left with the truth that God is always greater than our words can express.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 16 – June 20

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| Monday | Soul of Leonard Sandrasagra |
| Tuesday | Soul of Bill Meyers Soul of Tanto Sutikno Soul of Michael Tranquada Soul of Connie Meldazy Intentions of Jessie Schmoll |
| Wednesday | Soul of Nico Camillo |
| Thursday | Soul of Cres Cariaga |
| Friday | Soul of Patsy D'Souza |

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

The Mystery of the Trinity

The Trinity is first and foremost a mystery. As The Divine Mystery above all mysteries, we must begin by humbly acknowledging that we will never, not even in Heaven, have a complete understanding of God's essence, His inner reality. Only God knows Himself fully. Not even the Blessed Virgin Mary or the highest choirs of angels see Him and know Him as He sees and knows Himself. Nonetheless, every creature, whether angel or human, is called to probe the mysteries of God to the fullest extent possible. In that probing, contemplating, and understanding, we discover the purpose of our lives and experience the fullness of beatitude to which we are called. God and God alone satisfies the hungry, weary, and seeking soul.

In Sacred Scripture and Church teaching, God's attributes and existence can be summed up as Love. "God is love". Love cannot exist without a giver, a receiver, and the love that unites them. Hence, it is the very nature of God to love perfectly, to receive love perfectly, and to be love itself.

In the Trinity, the Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and this mutual love is personified in the Holy Spirit. This "love" in God is defined by the Church as an "eternal begetting" and as an "eternal procession," which are fundamentally different from an act of creation. The words "begetting" and "proceeding" are used to point to the relational origin of love. The Father eternally begets the Son, reflecting an eternal exchange of love. The Holy Spirit, then, proceeds from both the Father and the Son, emanating from their mutual love.

The best way to grow in a deeper understanding of God and all of reality is through the deepest forms of contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer is not something you can simply turn on. It is an infused prayer that only God can bestow as He invites you to enter into His divine presence. Contemplative prayer begins with a profound purification process by which all sin is purged from one's life, as well as all attachment to sin, and then all conceptual knowledge of God is eliminated so that the mind can gaze upon God through infused knowledge. This mystical prayer is well taught by the greatest saints of the Church, especially Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila. Being drawn into the mystery of God's inner life sometimes includes periods of mystical ecstasy, raptures, intellectual visions, and other mystical phenomena. Though few reach that height of prayer in this life, it's helpful to know it is possible and to know that directly infused knowledge of God through mystical prayer is the only way to achieve some comprehension of the Most Holy Trinity.

My Catholic Life.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE and THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

will be selling *Treats for Dad*. The treat bags will be \$5 each. Buy your Father's Day *Treats for Dad* at St. Luke's this weekend at all the masses.



Special Collection

MARYGROVE CAMP

This weekend is a special collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility.

Thank you for your continuing support.



BUNDLE UP WEEKEND
**Society of Saint Vincent
de Paul**

We will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear this weekend. The trailer will be open from 8:00 am until 6pm on Saturday & from 8:00 until 2pm on Sunday.

Thank you for your donations and for assisting those most in need.

* Volunteers to assist at the trailer ½ hour before each mass to accept the donations & load the trailer to maximize the space would be welcome.

Congratulations

Please join us for the 12:15 mass on Sunday June 15th.

Fr. John Carten, who has been assisting at St. Luke's for many, many years is celebrating 50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 21st. He will celebrate the mass.

Fr. Bill Burns, a former pastor of St. Luke's for 17 years, and who recently celebrated his 60th year of Ordination to the Priesthood will be concelebrating the mass.

It is an honour to welcome both Fr. John & Fr. Bill to celebrate their faithful years of service to our community and we hope you can be with us.

Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall where you can extend your best wishes to both Fr. John & Fr. Bill.

God Bless, Fr. Mark

NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS!

Thank you to everyone who promoted and attended our **Spring Social Dance**. We raised \$795.00 which will be donated to the parish for Youth Ministry activities.

Next weekend – June 21 & 22nd, we will be in the narthex **collecting books**. If you have books at home you would like to donate, please bring them to the parish. Any topic, any size, hard or soft covered – we will take them all.

A big thank you to all who have supported our **refundable cans & bottles drives** since February. To date we have collected \$113.50 which will support Youth Ministry activities at the parish.

The next collection will be the weekend of June 28/29th.

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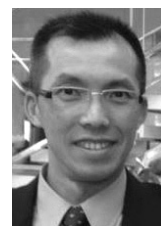


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