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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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Children & Dates of Births:

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Jesus told us if we follow in his footsteps, we will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. One of the graces we receive from the **Sacrament of Baptism** is the courage to face the challenges we meet on our pilgrim journey.

At the start of another year, let us renew our personal commitment to Christ and review the elements of our saving service to others. This feast is a reminder of the way of life to which we have been called in baptism. It should remind us of our own baptism in consecrated waters and of the coming of the Holy Spirit that cleansed our souls from the stain of sin. We are invited to follow the Lord with enthusiasm and faith and to say no to a life of selfishness by taking on a life of love. This is an occasion to express our gratitude and appreciation for our new life as adopted children of God. Let us be thankful for all those who have shared their faith with us and have helped us to know how precious we are in God's sight.

MASS INTENTIONS
January 12– January 16, 2026

Monday	Soul of Lutz Wiechmann
Tuesday	Soul of Sheila Gallivan Soul of Len Knox Soul of Kevin Gallagher Soul of Tom Schmoll Mass of Thanksgiving – Honesto Pena & Family
Wednesday	Soul of John Vincent Ka Yin Cheung
Thursday	Soul of Maria Ventura & Carmen Pacheco
Friday	Soul of Rosario Fernandes

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially: **Maria Kumar**.

The Mystery of Life?

One lovely summer's day around noon, there was a deep stillness over all the forest. The birds had tucked their heads under their wings, and everything was at rest. Then a bullfinch popped his head up and asked, "What is life? Everyone was struck by this profound question. A rose was just emerging from her bud, and was opening up one shy petal after another, rejoicing in the newly discovered sunlight. 'Life is a Becoming,' she said. The butterfly was less philosophical. He flew blithely from one flower to another, snacking everywhere on the delicious nectar. 'Life is pure pleasure and sunshine,' he announced. Down on the ground, an ant was laboring under the weight of a piece of straw ten times his size. He said, 'Life is nothing but toil and sweat and strain.'

There might have been quite an argument about the meaning of life, had not a fine rain begun to fall, and the rain spoke: 'Life consists of tears, nothing but tears.' High above the forest, an eagle swooped, making majestic curves in the sky. 'Life, spoke the eagle, 'is a constant search for happiness, and a string of disappointments.' After the long, dark night, at last the dawn came, rising pink on the eastern skyline. 'Just as I, the dawn, am the start of the new day, so life is the beginning of eternity.'

(Retelling of a Swedish legend (Margaret Silf))

The world abounds in 'wisdom stories'. Some of them suggest explanations for who we are and how we came to be who we are. Others offer guidance on how to live, how to relate to each other and how to cope with life's joys and crises. Almost all of them can be engaged with at different levels –from the simple delight of a child at bedtime, to the probing of the adult mind and heart into the deepest mysteries of life. *Wisdom Stories by Margaret Silf*

Margaret Silf on searching for meaning, "To be alive in a universe that reveals its meanings to us, through science and through art, through the life and growth of all creatures and through our own attempts to live our lives according to values of harmony and cooperation, is to ponder the source of these underlying meanings in the mystery of things."

Reflection: How do I define the Mystery of Life?



**2026 DONATION
ENVELOPES**

The assigned 2026 donation envelopes are available now for pickup at the parish office. If you wish to arrange for a box or discuss the various ways to make donations to the parish, please see Lois in the parish office.

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Our total donations for 2025 still being finalized.

We ask you to share your blessings at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, stlukesth@archtoronto.org or at sharelife.org/donate.

Update your Information



The office is busy preparing our files for tax receipt time. Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number in the past year? If so, please be sure to provide the parish with your updated information at stlukesth@archtoronto.org. Thank you!



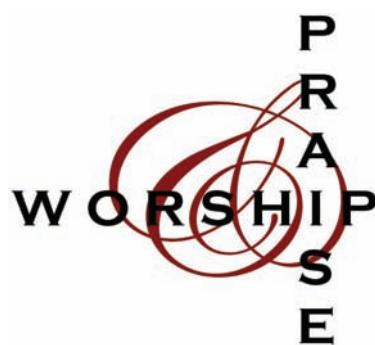
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The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke’s Council 4393 invites all parishioners to continue to support their **COATS FOR KIDS** campaign.

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: <https://ontariokofc.ca/coats-for-kids/>

York Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins January 5, 2026

The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2022. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in its 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked one of the top performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca to register for classes starting in September.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

Please join us **Monday, January 12th** at 7:00pm for an evening of Praise & Worship in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend!



Mosaic Interfaith presents: “HOW TO BE A PERFECT STRANGER”

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Vishnu Mandir Temple
8640 Yonge St., Richmond Hill
Complimentary lunch at 12:30 pm
Tour of the museum at 1:30 pm
Presentation at 2:30 pm

Please RSVP by January 14th to confirm if you will join us for lunch, the tour and presentations.

Have you ever been invited to a life-cycle event that you were unfamiliar with?

Did you ever wonder about the service & its significance?

Did you wonder what was the correct thing to say or do?

Did you wonder what you should avoid doing?

Did you ever want to know how long a service might be?

If you should bring a gift and if so, what would be appropriate?

We will answer these and any other questions that you might have as we share rituals and ceremonies from birth to death. “How to Be a Perfect Stranger” is inspired by the award winning book of the same name, edited by Stuart M. Matlins and Arthur J. Magida. An RSVP by Wednesday, January 14th will help our hosts prepare.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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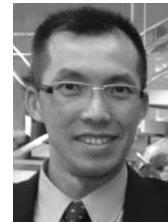
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