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Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

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As we begin our **Lenten journey** we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness. Nobody likes to dwell on sin as it touches a raw nerve, however sin is a tragedy and puts us out of step with God's plan. Lent is an inward journey to that quiet inner centre of our soul where one's own life and spirit are united with the life and Spirit of God. It is a long and arduous pilgrimage of self-discovery calling us to face up to our personal weaknesses and to the distractions that so preoccupy us that we forget about God.

The holy season of **Lent** is a time for conversion, for having a change of heart. We are invited to look at our own sinfulness, to fast and abstain from what we really enjoy, to give alms from what we have and not just from what is left over and to do it for the sake of people who have nothing. Above all, we are to pray and reflect on the word of God. Lent's challenge is to take charge of our lives in ways that will set us free to live life more generously and become more Christ-like people living in peace and harmony with each other.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**February 23 - 25, 2026**

Monday	Soul of <b>Dr. Anthony Tsun-Hung Ng</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>John Gallagher</b> Soul of <b>Ivor Fernandes</b> Soul of <b>Baby Thervaratnam &amp; Rev. Fr. Prince Bastiampillai</b> Soul of <b>Allen Yuk Moi Cheng</b>
Wednesday	Intentions of <b>Susan Hannan</b>
Thursday	Intentions of <b>Madeline Kateri Pinto</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>George V. Pinto</b>

*Please pray for the sick in our community.*  
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially: **Maria Kumar**.

**Christ Makes All Things New**

This scriptures this weekend reveal a profound theological "recapitulation." In Catholic teaching, Jesus is the "**New Adam**" who remains faithful exactly where the first Adam fell. This reversal of the Fall is not merely a moral example but a salvific act that restores our relationship with God.

**1. The Setting: Garden vs. Wilderness**

The contrast in physical surroundings highlights the depth of Jesus' victory.

- **Adam and Eve** were placed in a lush garden of abundance, enjoying perfect fellowship and every food imaginable. Yet, even in plenty, they doubted God's goodness and succumbed to a single temptation.
- **Jesus** was led into a desolate, "deadly" wilderness. He was solitary, ravaged by hunger after a 40-day fast, and yet He remained obedient in a place of extreme scarcity.

**2. The Threefold Temptation (1 John 2:16)**

Catholic tradition often links the temptations in both accounts to the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life".

- **The Flesh:** Eve saw the fruit was "good for food". Satan urged Jesus to turn stones into bread to satisfy His hunger. Jesus undid Adam's failure by refusing to prioritize physical appetite over God's Word.
- **The Eyes:** Eve saw the tree was "pleasing to the eyes". Satan showed Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor". While Adam and Eve reached for what was forbidden, Jesus rejected a shortcut to worldly glory.
- **The Pride:** The serpent promised they would "be like gods". Satan tempted Jesus to prove His divinity by throwing Himself from the Temple. Jesus maintained His "filial love" and humble trust, refusing to test the Father.

**3. The Response to God's Word**

The core of the Fall was a distortion of God's Word.

- **The First Adam** and Eve allowed the serpent to twist God's commands; Eve even added her own restrictions (saying they couldn't "touch" the fruit), making God seem unreasonable.
- **The New Adam**, the "Word made flesh," quoted Scripture (Deuteronomy) accurately and with authority to repel the Tempter.

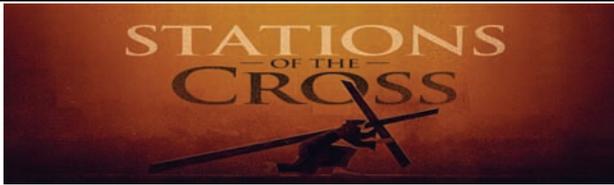
**4. The Spiritual Outcome**

In Genesis, the result of sin was shame, hiding, and being barred from the Garden by angels. In Matthew, because Jesus conquered the Tempter, the devil fled and "angels came and ministered to him". For Catholics, this marks the beginning of the "re-creation," where Jesus begins to lead humanity back to the Paradise that was lost.



**Knights of Columbus –  
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Upcoming Events**

- Sat. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Winter Social Dance in Parish Hall
- Sat. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Lenten Retreat – Good Shepherd Parish, 9-1 pm. Brochures available on the information table.
- March 7/8<sup>th</sup> - Book Collection – Narthex
- Mar 14-Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Children’s Drawing Contest



Join us each Friday morning during Lent, immediately following mass for The Stations of the Cross, a devotional journey through the last hours of Jesus’ life.  
February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Thornhill Ministerial  
Lenten Series 2026

*Facing Change*

Sunday February 22 @ 4:00 p.m.

*The Inevitability of Change*

Thornhill United Church  
25 Elgin Street  
Speaker: John Humphries

Sunday March 8 @ 4:00 p.m.

*The Challenges of Change*

Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
140 Brooke Street  
Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

Sunday March 22 @ 4:00 p.m.

*The Joys of Change*

St. Luke’s Roman Catholic Church  
39 Green Lane  
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais



The **2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally** will take place on Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. It is not just for adults or youth, but families are welcome to attend together for a day of motivating talks, inspiring testimonies, Eucharistic Adoration, and powerful praise & worship. Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

Cost: \$39 for Adults (\$49 after Feb 1st) and \$25 for Youth. For Bus transportation (\$10 per adult, \$5 per youth) from St Luke's church to Metro Convention Centre and return, please contact Krishna Shanthakumar at Ext. 233 or Fletcher Pereira at [stlukesljhr@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesljhr@gmail.com)



Lent begins with **ASH Wednesday** on February 18, 2026. We are reminded of the meaning of Lent as a time of prayer, repentance and change of heart.

**Ash Wednesday mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and again at 7:00 pm.**

During Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30 until 11:45 and Tuesday evening following mass until 8:45 pm.



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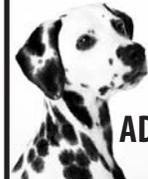


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