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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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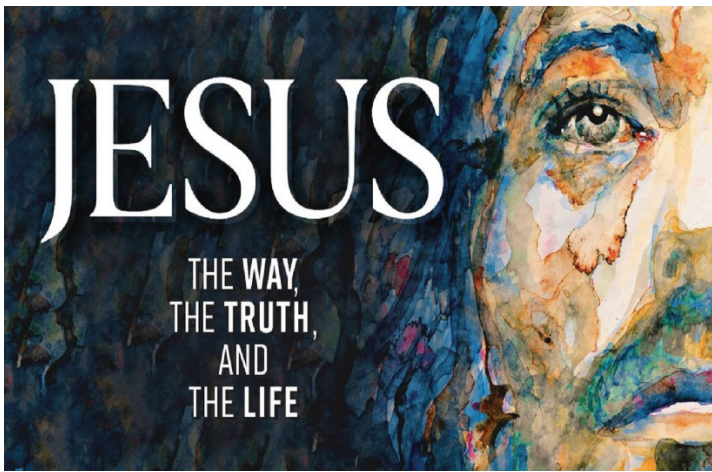
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New Parishioner

Envelopes

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish



In one form or another human beings have been wrestling with loss and fear of the unknown since the beginning of time. Jesus' response is **"I am the way, the truth and the life"**. He speaks of himself as the sure way to be absolutely confident of God's welcome into eternity. It is an assurance that in the middle of our trouble and our pain there is no need to be afraid because he is there with us and for us. The good news is that no matter who we are or what we do we have a heavenly home, a place that will be ready once we have completed our earthly journey. The road to God is sure because it is Christ who leads the way, gives us safe guidance and takes us to our destination. The place Jesus has in store for us is our lasting home in heaven, a shelter where the homeless will come home and where those who have lost their way will one day find for themselves a safe haven and peace at last.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 4 – May 7

Monday	Soul of Romulo Tibor
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee & Stephen Chua Yong Liang Soul of Leo Ceolin Soul of Nelson Gravo Mass of Thanksgiving to honour St. Rene
Goupil	
Wednesday	Soul of Theo D'Sousa
Thursday	Intentions of Gabriel Cheung
Friday	Intentions of Angelica D'Souza

Harden Not Your Hearts

This weekend in the Gospel, we once again encounter Thomas who despite his doubts never turns his back on Jesus. Jesus is preparing the disciples for his impending Passion and like the other disciples, Jesus' words confuse Thomas. Thomas is unafraid to share his confusion and says to Jesus: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

The truth is that doubts are completely natural in life and relationships. We all have doubts and they are the seeds of our faith. We have doubts and over time as we experience the consistent love of a family member, a spouse or a friend we grow in faith and trust. The same is true of our relationship with God. It is completely natural to have our doubts about a God we can neither see nor touch. The important thing is what we do with our doubts. Do they distance us from God or do we bring them to God and allow God to reveal himself through them.

Many people think the opposite of faith is doubt but this is not true. The opposite of faith is hardness of heart and is a completely different thing. Hardness of heart is when we turn our backs on a person or God and cut ourselves off from them. When we close the door on a relationship and consider the relationship dead as we see Judas do following his betrayal of Jesus.

Most of us have likely tried this. We have been upset with someone and decide to cut ourselves off from them, we stop being a window of God's love to them. When we see them at home or in public, we refuse to acknowledge them.

When we do this it feels like we are literally dying but we continue because we feel we need to teach them a lesson. Eventually by the grace of God, we hopefully come to our senses and realize we need to swallow our pride and apologize. We are so blessed we have access to the healing grace of God that enables us to do so. It gives us great hope that Jesus suffered to the greatest extent possible the collective rejection of humanity yet never hardened his heart towards us. Let us always pray for hearts like Jesus'. Amen.

John Humphries.

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the sick and the suffering in our community come to know that God the Father cares for them and that they are precious in his eyes.

May 3, 2026

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CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

St. Luke’s invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, May 5th** during the **7:00 pm mass**. Please join us in honouring Mary Our Mother in a very special way. We will have a procession with flowers and Marian Hymns during the Mass. Make this annual event part of your devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

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Thursday, May 7th - 7:00pm at St. David’s Church
2601 Major MacKenzie Dr., Maple, ON
Please see the bulletin board for more information.



BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MAY 2ND & 3RD WEEKEND

A Saint Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the church parking lot this weekend to collect **household linens, gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, draperies, small household goods and new toys** in order to support those in need. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need.

Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

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