

St. Luke's Parish

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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

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. 905-881-2786 Ext 221

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PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE; COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING & PUT IN COLLECTION BASKET

Name	Phone
Address	Postal Code
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New Parishioner <input type="checkbox"/>	Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Moving out of Parish <input type="checkbox"/>



Reflecting Back to See Ahead

I recall a retreat I attended at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering. It was a wonderful three days full of peace and joy. Father John Sullivan from St. John’s Newfoundland led the retreat and shared with us some of the difficulties his diocese experienced when his former parish was amalgamated with two others. Prior to the amalgamation, his parishioners were having a hard time accepting the loss of their parish and there was a mix of fear and desolation. The primary message he tried to convey to them was that no matter how dire the situation may appear there is no need to fear for God’s nature is to give Life and will always do so. As it turns out the transition went extremely well and the parish continues to thrive.

In our own lives, this can often be the case where we see turmoil in our families and in the world and we wonder: ‘Where is God?’ It does not take much reflection to see that God is in the midst of it all. One exercise that the Jesuits recommend to become aware of God’s constant presence is the Examen. Through the Examen a person reviews the past 24 hours to see where God has been working. It always amazes me when I pray the Examen to see just how active God has been in my day in so many small and significant ways. It is literally an embarrassment of riches.

The more we become aware of the presence of God, the more we trust the Kingdom is near. It also helps us to recognize the times when we have been afraid and ask God for healing and courage in future situations.

As we see in our Gospel this weekend we are called to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons proclaiming the good news that the Kingdom has come near. Two thousand years later a similar need still exists for faith and healing in our world. What a wonderful invitation, being called to do the work of Christ! How must God love us that he entrusts his mission and the work of his Son with us? It is enough to make our hearts sing with joy and gratitude.

So let us share the Good News with all we encounter: ‘Jesus is alive and has appeared to Simon’. Let us make our hearts, our homes, our workplaces and our churches Tabernacles of eternal love where people encounter the Peace the world cannot give. In addition, let us not forget to Examen the previous day to see God’s presence to fuel the day ahead anticipating with excitement where we will encounter God in the people, places and serendipity of the day and remember that Jesus is with us always, to the end of the age.

John Humphries.

The twelve men Jesus chose as disciples were just ordinary people. They came from ordinary walks of life – a number of them were fisherman with no special qualifications. Far from being perfect, they possessed the same human faults and failing we find in ourselves. Peter blew hot & cold, James & John were hot tempered, Matthew was a member of a hated class – tax collectors and of course, there was Judas who proved not only a failure but also a traitor by the choices he made. Anyway, Jesus saw the good in each one of them, even Judas. It shows one does not have to be perfect or possess all the talents in order to be called by Christ.

To be chosen is a privilege and an honour and with it comes responsibility. The Israelites were chosen to be a light to the nations, the apostles were chosen to help Christ with the harvest and by virtue of our baptism, we are the distant descendants of those early followers of Christ. The essential character of our mission is the same. The work of the church is now in our hands. God wants all the earth to experience his love and only with our co-operation can he continue his work. We are invited to be his witness in the world, to promote his ideals and to reflect his concern for the poor & the needy.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 15 - 19

Monday	Soul of Serena Kim
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Bob, Sheila & Beth Gallivan Soul of Kathleen Gallivan Soul of Dr. Carole Sinclair Soul of Rollie Valero
Wednesday	Soul of Jamal, Hana & Hany
Thursday	Soul of Alice D’Souza
Friday	Soul of Norma La Neve

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, especially: **Kay Holker**

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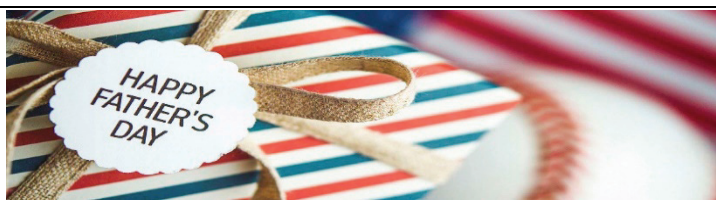
HELP NEEDED

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is organizing a special collection of working laptops and cell phones. We have an urgent need to provide devices to a

refugee student attending university this fall. Please make sure to factory reset your devices and remove your accounts before bringing them in and please include power cords and chargers.

You can leave them in the collection bin beside the poor boxes in the narthex or bring them to the church office during the week. If you require assistance wiping your devices, please leave a voicemail for the SSVP at 905-881-2786 and assistance will be provided.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for your ongoing support of SSVP.



The CWL & Knights of Columbus are hosting **“TREATS FOR DAD” - June 20-21 weekend**

Treat bags for Dad will be available for \$5.00 each

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

School begins September 8, 2026

The York Catholic District School Board invites you to register your child for the School year commencing September 2026 during the months of July and August.

How: On line by visiting www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

For detailed information regarding admissions criteria and documents required for registration, please call: 905 713-1211 or 1-800-363-2711 & press 2 for the Admissions Office



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St. Luke's Annual Picnic

**Sunday, June 21, 2026
from 2-6 pm
at Huntington Park
(just off Green Lane at
Huntington Road)**

Bring your own picnic basket and some lawn chairs. Enjoy barbecued hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks followed by various activities. If you have water pistols and water canons, bring them along and we'll see what happens! Maybe some Ultimate Frisbee and a musical jam session!

Bring your family & friends.

Please sign up on the flip chart sheet in the lobby or contact the Knights of Columbus at:

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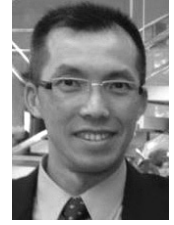


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