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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.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after mass & devotions

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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐



Today's gospel is a story for all ages. No matter who we are, all of us are guilty of leaving a trail of broken promises in our wake. What is more, promises can never replace performance and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds. The good news is that God makes allowances for our weakness and is ever willing to welcome us back after we have failed him. All of us are still journeying towards conversion and while it is the key to the Christian life, for most people conversion is not a dramatic event. It is more a daily turning away from ourselves as the centre of our lives and a turning to God and our neighbor in the midst of everyday happenings. For each one of us, our conversion will be unique but we can be certain that when we put the past behind us and turn back to God with all our heart, that it will bring us lasting joy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 28 – Oct 2

Monday	Intentions of Our Lady of Nazareth
Tuesday	Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of George V. Pinto Soul of Mer Hidalgo Mass of Thanksgiving – The Cruz Family Mass of Thanksgiving – Holy Anne Pena & Family
Wednesday	Soul of Fr. Gino Henriques
Thursday	Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee
Friday	Mass of Thanksgiving – The Tibor Family

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

Leaping into the Vineyard

In the Gospel this weekend, we encounter the vineyard owner and his two sons. He asks them to work in the vineyard and both respond differently. In our own lives, we often find ourselves in the same shoes as the two sons. God asks us to do something, and it is up to us to accept or reject God's invitation. Like any relationship, we have to extend ourselves to grow and our relationship with God is no different. As CS Lewis so aptly puts: 'God is easy to please but hard to satisfy'. God will only be satisfied when our relationship resembles his relationship with the Son so we can anticipate lifelong growth. Thankfully God is with us every step of the way as we leap in the light not in the dark.

Our faith is a love story and the key is being able to recognize the beloved's gestures. God acts and we react, calling us to grow in the direction which often appears painful so it is natural for us reject the invitation. Through experience and reflection we can come to recognize these invitations not as harbingers of suffering but as opportunities for growth and redemption.

A few years ago, I received such an invitation through the Alpha program in our parish. When I heard we were running the program for the first time in person a part of me wanted to attend but part of me was reluctant. Thoughts that crossed my mind were: Do I have time? Will this program teach me anything valuable? Will I be comfortable sharing personal experiences and feelings with people I may not know? In my discernment, I reflected on my experience of similar programs in the past and how much they have helped me. I also could see the hand of God at work in our parish with Alpha an integral part, so I took a leap and registered.

Ignatius of Loyola said that: 'God will not be outdone in generosity' and Alpha has been no exception. What I received in the first two Alpha meetings far exceeded my expectations for the entire program. What surprised me most is the audacity of God's presence at our gatherings with the veil between seen and unseen things being strikingly thin. I was so excited to see what God planned to reveal in the remaining weeks of the program.

As a community of faith, let us keep our eyes, ears and hearts open. All things are possible with God and relationship hurdles we believe to be insurmountable can be overcome with God's grace. All God asks is a chance, an opportunity to demonstrate just how much he loves us and how joyful the journey can be. The best vitamin for a Christian is B1 so let's pray for the grace to be Bread for our brothers and sisters as we leap together into the vineyard.

John Humphries.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION – Wednesday, Sept 30th**

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
OCT 3 & 4 AND
OCT 10 & 11**

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate. This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations of canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc. to the church. Financial donations are also welcome. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Richmond Hill Community Food Pantry**. Thank you for your support of this important program.



**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY
RALLY**

Join Catholics around the world for the Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10 at various locations. Prayer & fellowship will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!



The CWL & the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast next **Sunday, October 4th** after all masses in the parish hall. Come together with fellow parishioners to enjoy a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausages and more for only \$7.00 per person. All are welcome so bring your

family & friends. We look forward to seeing you there!



**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL
Bundle Up Weekend
October 3 & 4th**

A St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the NW corner of the parish parking lot on October 3 & 4th. Please bring your gently used household linens, clothing, footwear, bedding, draperies/towels, **new** toys and small household goods to support the needy in our community. **Please ... no books, video/audio cassettes, furniture or dishes.** The container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm.

Volunteers are welcome to assist with loading the trailer before and after each mass. **THANK YOU!**

First Communion 2026/27

Any families interested in having children celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this Fall at St. Luke's please contact John Humphries at john.humphries@rogers.com.



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4th from 2-3pm

Southeast corner of Yonge & Steeles Ave.

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year in the parking lot at the South East corner of Yonge and Steeles Ave. An organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," "Life, the first inalienable right," and "Adoption, the loving option." You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit:

campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain. You can also contact Greg Benoit at 647-296-6851

BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 10th

Blessing begins at 1:00 pm at the NW entrance.



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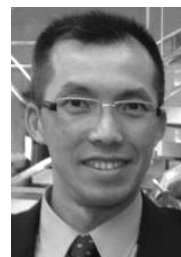
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