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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.

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New Parishioner ☐

Envelopes ☐

Change of Address ☐

Moving out of Parish ☐

**“For many are called,
but few are chosen.”**

Matthew 22:14

When we were baptized, we were officially called to be members of God’s kingdom and that special invitation was imprinted on our hearts. It was a grace-filled importance because it marked our spiritual birth. At baptism, the spirit of God takes possession of us in a very special way to direct and guide us in the footsteps of Christ. Sharing the banquet of the Lord requires us to respond to his love by living life according to his ways and building up his kingdom in the world around us. In our everyday lives, we may not have the ability to always do “great” things, but we have the power to always do good things. These challenges come to us every time we have an opportunity to offer help to those in need and care for the aged and the housebound. The only suitable clothing that is acceptable in the presence of God is the garment, which has been woven out of the kind and charitable acts we have performed for other people on a daily basis.

MASS INTENTIONS
October 12 – 16

Monday	Soul of Edita Palma Papa
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll Soul of Vincent & Philomena D’Souza Soul of Lucy Kok Moey Chin and Stephen Chua Yong Liang Soul of Cybil Poh Him Si Soul of Do Sean Whang
Wednesday	Soul of Jamie Annett
Thursday	Intentions of Joanne Kim
Friday	Soul of Jessie Pedro

Please pray for the sick in our community.
May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens.

Pointing the Finger

I don’t know about others but one of my favourite things to do is point the finger. When somebody does something wrong or makes a mistake I love to cast blame. Whether it is my family, my friends or myself I love to point my finger and find fault. Even when I wake up in the morning and ask God for the grace not to point my finger it is not too long into the day that I have already pointed my finger several times.

So when did all this finger pointing begin? It turns out that finger pointing began a long time ago in Genesis. After Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit God comes looking for them for their afternoon walk but is unable to find them. God asks Adam: ‘Where art thou’ and Adam tells God they are hiding due to their nakedness. God asks how they know they are naked and if they have eaten the forbidden fruit. Instead of owning up to his disobedience Adam points the finger at both God and Eve blaming them for his mistake and in turn Eve blames the serpent for beguiling her. So it seems that finger pointing has been with us since the very beginning.

Thankfully we have an Antidote for this tendency in Jesus Christ. Jesus entered the world and took all the sins and finger pointing upon himself and through his sacrifice transformed our accusations into reconciling love. This knowledge and reality changes everything. When we witness fault we know that these sins have already been forgiven and we have no need to hold these faults against our loved ones and selves. We’re invited to accept God’s grace and reconcile with God and neighbour with open rather than pointed hands.

It is helpful to note when one finger is pointing out there are three more pointing back reminding us that through the redeeming love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we bear God’s name and belong to His household rather than living as an outsider or slave in fear.

God understands our tendency to point fingers and patiently works with us despite our weakness. I cannot recall how many times I have cast judgement on another only to have them do something kind and charitable towards me soon after. When this happens I look to God and smile, saying ‘ok God you win.’

Over time we slowly grow to welcome and celebrate our weakness rather than deny it as it is a means of our salvation as Paul reminds us: ‘God grace is sufficient for us, for God’s power is made perfect in our weakness.’ Our faults become a bridge into the ocean of God’s mercy and love. On the cross Christ was unable to point at his accusers, instead he breathed out mercy and forgiveness. Amen.
John Humphries.

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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 once again this year for your support of this important program as we assist our neighbours in need through the Richmond Hill Community Food Pantry.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
BREAK THE CHAINS:
End Human Trafficking
with Casandra Diamond

October 17th – 10:00 am
Parish Hall

St. Luke's CWL has organized a Human Trafficking Awareness event on October 17th and would like to invite all parishioners to attend this important talk. The presenter, Casandra Diamond is Founder and Anti-Human Trafficking Specialist from BridgeNorth

We would also appreciate your help in spreading the word and encouraging others to attend.

Please register in the narthex for a light breakfast.

The Knights of Columbus
St. Luke's Council 4393

Upcoming Events

General Meeting – Wednesday, October 14th in the upstairs meeting room beginning at 6:30 pm.

Annual Parish Attendance Survey – Members of the Knights will be at all entrances with counters in their hands to assist the parish complete our annual attendance survey the weekends of October 17/18 and 24/25.

Canadian Wheelchair Fundraising – The Knights will be in the narthex October 24/25th weekend after all masses with donation forms and information on how you can assist in providing wheelchairs to those most needy internationally.

Fall Bible Study

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant

This study takes you on a journey to the very beginning of salvation history, where God creates the world out of his infinite love and goodness. Genesis reveals both the beauty of God's original design and the chaos caused by sin, while pointing toward God's desire to restore what was lost.

Genesis lays the foundation for the entire story of Scripture and shows how God calls his people back into relationship with him while preparing the way for our salvation. With *Genesis: From Creation to Covenant*, you will discover how the events of Genesis prepare the way for Jesus Christ and how God's promises continue to speak into our lives today.

Join us for this study in **the meeting room upstairs** beginning **October 22, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**, and continuing every **other Thursday** for 8 sessions. For more information or to register for the study, contact **Bernardine** at bernardine@laycarmelites.ca or **Alan Lee Hoy** at ahoy@archtoronto.org



O Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank Thee for health and remember the sick. We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts may be used for others. Amen

On behalf of Fr. Sávio, Fr. John and the parish staff we wish you all a Thanksgiving weekend full of love and gratitude. We are so grateful you are part of our parish community. God bless, Fr. Mark



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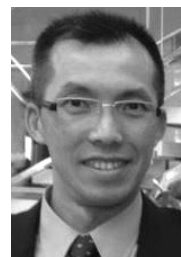
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