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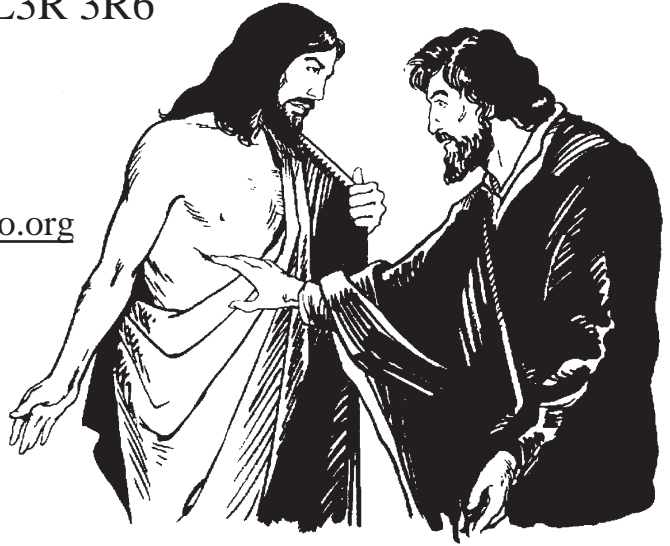
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Deacon - Sarfaraz Pinto (ext. 226)

Youth Minister - Hill Roshan Arulnesam (ext 225)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

Ask ushers for listening - aid devices

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (at Convent)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursdays and Fridays after noon Mass until

Benediction at 7:15 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 and 15 minutes before all Sunday Masses

Monday through Friday 11:45-12:00 and 7:00-7:15

## DEVOTIONS TO

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

## BAPTISMS

Will be the Second and Fourth Saturdays  
of each month at 9:30 a.m.

An information package should be picked up  
at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

## MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish  
Office before meeting with the priest.

One year advanced planning is required.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office  
in the event of serious illness.

## “Dominus meus et Deus meus”

### SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646  
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

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[www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

### PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	905-477-0632
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536  
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018

Monday 12:10 p.m.  
 +Father G. Beckeis  
 +Father A. Huart  
 (Thomas and Agatha Lee)

Monday 7:30 p.m.  
 +Shiu Ngor Chan  
 (Seto Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.  
 +William Ford Breen  
 (Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
 +Albert Lyn  
 (Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.  
 +Lai-Ying Poon  
 (Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
 +Chester Miszuk  
 (Edward and Mary Ramsay)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
 +Marcus Cheng  
 (Cheng Family)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
 +Engracia Lingad  
 (Alisha Santos)

Friday 12:10 p.m.  
 In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
 Margaret Tse  
 (Jefferson Tse)

Friday  
 Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary  
 (Legion of Mary)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
 +Vito Genco  
 (Genco Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex,  
 Margaret and Jefferson Tse  
 (Jefferson Tse)

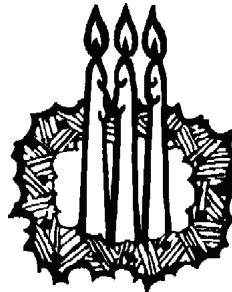
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
 For the People of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
 +Mary and Rohib Elias  
 (Family)  
 For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Fu, Lui and Ho Families

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Anne Canagasuriam, Johnny Luu, Eric Maddan, Luiza Pinto, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Katie Fung, Paula Mackie, Andrew Carb, Joe De Juan, Agnes Yuen, Loreen Mohammed, Carolyn Evens, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Joe Leo, Edward Ramsay, Lawrence Lee, Mary Ann Molinari

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Margaret Chin Pang, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

THE SEASON OF ADVENT is a time to prepare reflectively for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. It should be characterized by an attitude of "watch and pray" as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, inspired by the entrance antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." The rose candle in the Advent wreath reminds us that this is a day for rejoicing, that our celebration of the Incarnation is near.**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day: 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon**

## NEW YEAR'S MASSES

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
 (A Holy Day of Obligation)

**New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.**

**New Years Day: 10:30 and 12:00 Noon**

**(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)**

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE WILL BE FROM 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

## MASS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

Will be in the Church at 9:00 a.m.

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SELLING

Cards and Cakes after all Masses.

## THE MONTHLY TRADITIONAL (LOW MASS) WILL

Will be held on the First Saturday of every month beginning on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the Parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

#### PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**Last week's Collection was \$6,868.00**

#### New Sound System

In the new year we will be starting a campaign to raise funds for a new and improved sound system for the parish. We had a sound engineer come in and look at the current system and we were told that at best we would get a 10% improvement if we tried rebalancing what we have. Apparently, we were given a one size fits all model which was not designed for the contours of church space. A new system, designed for our worship space, will cost approximately \$50,000. We are hoping to raise half of this cost with new donations and pay the rest from our savings. You can make a donation specifically for the sound system by visiting the parish office during office hours or you could put a donation in the basket at Mass in a **different envelope** written in bold (with your envelope number). **Please specifically state that the donation is for the sound system** since 100% of all monies raised for a specific project goes directly towards that project and no portion of it will taken by the Archdiocesan parish assessment.

#### Recipe Book Fundraiser

As part of our initiative to raise funds for a new sound system we would like to put together a parish cookbook which we would then make available for purchase. We are looking for Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Vegetables, Pastas, Beef, Pork, Lamb, Other Meats, Fish, Breads, Desserts, etc. If you would like to contribute a recipe to the parish cookbook, please send your recipes to [st.thomasrecipes@gmail.com](mailto:st.thomasrecipes@gmail.com). Be sure to include in your recipes a list of ingredients with their portions and step by step cooking instructions including temperature settings.

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)    [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

#### LEGION OF MARY

**New Members are welcome.** The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 8:10 and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **For more information, please contact Amy Rebeiz: 647-643-2232 or [amy.rebeiz@gmail.com](mailto:amy.rebeiz@gmail.com)**

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Mark Huang to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents. Call the parish office at 905-474-1224

**WALK-IN COUNSELLING** at Catholic Family Services York Region (21 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill) on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-9:00 ([www.ccsyr.org](http://www.ccsyr.org))

#### FORMED

The Parish has paid for a subscription to Formed **FOR THE WHOLE PARISH.** This is only for parishioners. **You can register by going to: [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)** Put your own email and the parish access number which is: 6K2ZMY Then register and enjoy: when you are on the website you can go to Study, watch, listen or read.

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