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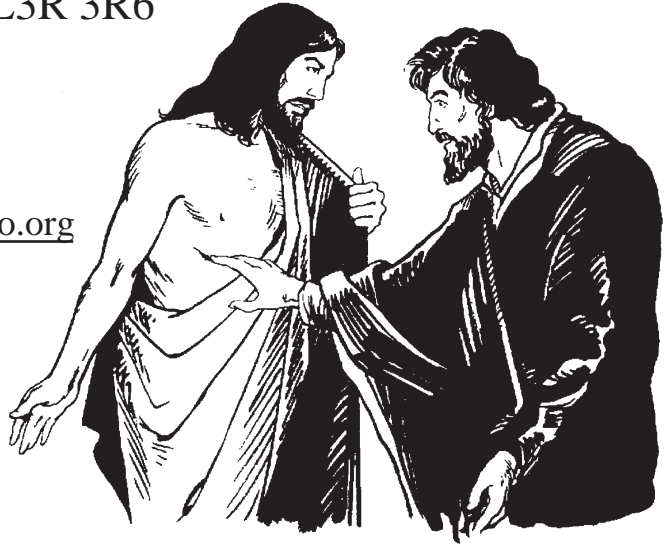
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 7:00 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 6:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

Monday through Friday from 11:45-12:00 and 6:30 to 6:45

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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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	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

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



Monday 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Jackie Mackenzie
(Andy and Jean Pucyk)

Monday 7:30 p.m.
+Greg Brown
(Lynch Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Intentions of Gene Chong
(Annette Wong)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Wing Pak Seto
(Family)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Living and deceased Members of the St.
Thomas the Apostle Prayer Group

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Frederick Michael Pinto
(Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
+Johannes Bung Hang Lim
+Paulus Lim Oen Sian
(Lim Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Friday: 7:30 p.m.
For Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Kassidy Chiu
(John and Teresa Chiu)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Joan Fernandes
(Family)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Jean and Andy Pucyk
(Family and Friends)

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
+Teresa Wu
(Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020

PRAY FOR THE SICK: PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Andrew Carb, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Lawrence Lee, Maribel Monje, William Lee Ah-Chong, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Antonio Tionsgon, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenaault, Vartouhi Kapandjian, Ardemis Moushian, Josephine Pereira, Chuba Asad, Margaret Carter, Rita Yu, Louis Ma, Erlinda Tionsgon, Belen Alcalde, Clemente Magnayi, Andrew, Junny and Afonso Hung, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tionsgon, Marian Pereira, Gene Chong, Wing Yuen and Maris-Stella Ram-kumar

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Jonathan Tarek, Caridad Lim and for those who have no one to pray them.

***THE FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY OCCURS THIS WEEK
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL TAKE
PLACE UNTIL BENEDICTION AT 11:45***

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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** email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

March 13 – 15, 2020 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. **Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca** For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

If you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.

LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 7:40 p.m. 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** 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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF YORK REGION

Main office: 21 Dunlop Street, Unit 101 Richmond Hill L4C 2M6 1-800-263-2075, 905-770-7040 Ext 241 – Counselling. CCSYR is a multicultural agency and welcomes people from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. CCSYR is a member of Family Service Ontario and is accredited by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation All locations are wheelchair 833-1909 or admissions@villanovacollege.ca

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)

We received \$7,855.55 January 26, 2020 (Includes pag)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

2nd Reading: Heb 2.10-11, 13b-18++

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 – The Presentation of the Lord

Labouring for the Steward's Great Reward

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We reflect on Joseph and Mary taking the child Jesus up to the temple and the prophet Simeon taking the child into his arms. Simeon was an elderly prophet in Jerusalem to whom it had been revealed that “he would not see death before he had seen the Christ” (Luke 2:26). After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with the gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes.

The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. The reward of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven. The USCCB write in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*, what is the reward to which good stewards can look forward? The answer is perfect fulfillment in God's Kingdom.” It is in God's Kingdom that we will enjoy the beatific vision for all eternity.

When the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we're tempted to despair, let us remember the reward of Simeon that awaits the faithful steward. This remembrance should help us increase our labours of love for God and the Church for we know that we are not doing it for any other purpose than unity with God for all eternity. This is the goal of our Christian lives.

Summary

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LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2020

The 28th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM at the Metro Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street West, Toronto.

The theme for the Rally: “Jesus, Light of the World.” The keynote speaker is Fr. James Mallon, Author of “Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish”. Eucharistic Celebration towards the end of the rally presided over by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also powerful Christian music, inspiring personal testimony, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic adoration procession.

Simultaneous Youth Rally for ages 13 to 18 in a hall right door.

Tickets: Adult Rally \$25 & Youth Rally \$15 can be had from Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto by March 1, 2020.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: Le Tre Port Banquet Hall – 1075 Queensway E. Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1 Mississauga, Ontario 416-907-1042 Speakers and Topics: Kimberly Hahn (Scott Hahn's wife will give two talks) The Joys and Sorrows of Mary, Women of Wisdom, Sharing Heart to Heart. Colleen Carroll Campbell – Award winning author, EWTN, former presidential speech writer will give one talk called: The Heart of Perfection Dorothy Pilarski – Founder of Dynamic Women of Faith – One Mother's Heart. Closing Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral Mass will be celebrated at Le Treport Banquet Hall. Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

CALLING ALL GIRLS – MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – 7:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

Colleen Carroll Campbell will be doing a book signing. Speakers and Topics: Adeodata Czink – What Makes a Lady a Lady? Dr. Sandra Sagrati – Get Uncomfortable: Less Stress and Anxiety - Dorothy Pilarski – The Power of Prayer

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