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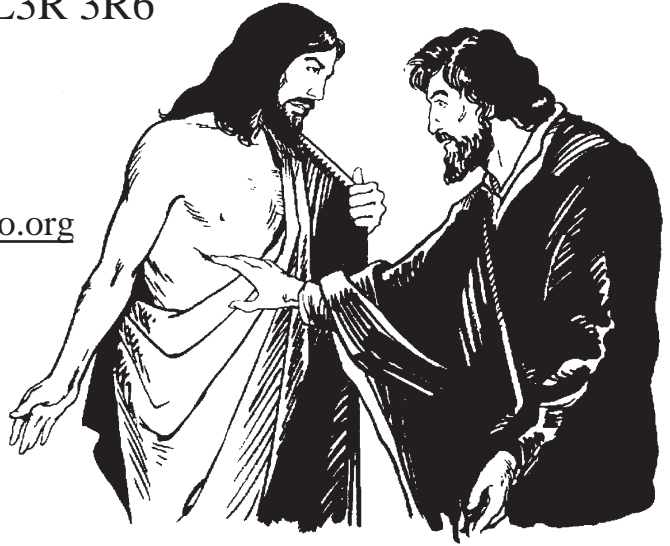
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2020

- Monday 12:10 p.m.**
 +Joseph Marcellus Fernandes
 (Family)
- Monday 7:30 p.m.**
 +John Patton
 (Family)
- Tuesday 12:10 p.m.**
 Deceased family and friends of
 Chit and Josephine Szeto
- Tuesday 7:30 p.m.**
 +Joseph Dunphy
 (Lynch Family)
- Wednesday 12:10 p.m.**
 Living and deceased Members of the
 McKenna Family
- Wednesday 7:30 p.m.**
 +Robert Saptel
- Thursday 12:10 p.m.**
 +Smith Mackenzie
 (Jackie Mackenzie)
- Thursday 7:30 p.m.**
 +Agatha Moo Choy
 (Family)
- Friday 12:10 p.m.**
 +Bellian Chua,
 Gregory, Eric and Jin Sim Tan
 (Tan Family)
- Friday: 7:30 p.m.**
 Deceased members of the
 Lim-Chai-Yam Family
 (JP and Virginie Chan)
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.**
 Living and deceased
 members of St. Mary of Leuca
 (Pete and Teresa Fernandes)
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
 +Sophie Franco
 (Suna)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.**
 +Wing Pak Seto
 (Family)
- Sunday 10:30 a.m.**
 +Luizia Rosario
 (Family)
- Sunday 12:00 p.m.**
 For the People of the Parish

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, Antonio Tiongson, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenault, Vartouhi Kapandjian, Ardemis Moushian, Josephine Pereira, Chuba Asad, Margaret Carter, Rita Yu, Louis Ma, Erlinda Tiongson, Belen Alcalde, Clemente Magnayi, Andrew, Junny and Afonso Hung, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Gene Chong, Wing Yuen, Maris-Stella Ram-Kumar and Ancilla Campos

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Ignatious Antonipillai, and for those who have no one to pray them.

FIFTH 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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast after every Mass on Sunday February 23.

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 \$6,935.75 February 2, 2020 (Includes pag)

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

The Light of Stewardship

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, “from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us.” She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn’t be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says “let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:16)

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that “we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.”

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we’re on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God’s transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

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.

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