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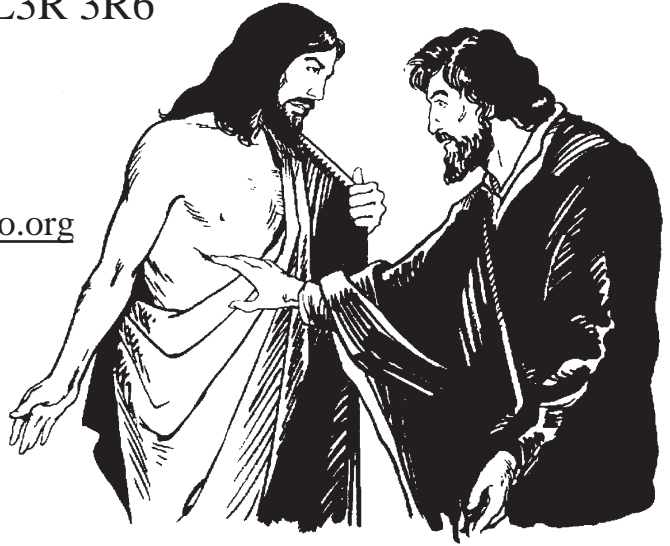
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 9:00 a.m.**  
+Vincenzo, Vincenza, Frank, Tony and Luciano Gissoni  
(Del Medico Family)

**Monday 7:00 p.m.**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Tuesday 12:10 p.m.**  
Intentions of Yoke Lan Seck  
(Family)

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.**  
+Caridad Lim  
(Roy and Lourdes)

**Wednesday 12:10 p.m.**  
+Harry Ramadhin  
(Family)

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
+Philip Geslani

**Thursday 12:10 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Rosa)

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.**  
+Melitona Sia  
+Antonio Tagudina  
(Family)

**Friday 12:10 p.m.**  
+Eileen Logtenberg  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Friday: 7:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of  
Patricia and Paul Chong-Ah-Yan  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
+Peter S. Tiongson  
(Tiongson and Hashim Families)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
+Bernadette Tow-Ying Ah-Chong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday 12:00 p.m.**  
+Emily, Tony, Mary, Lina and Vince Del Medico  
(Del Medico Family)

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**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:** Margaret Mary Forget and for those who have no one to pray them.

**THERE WILL BE ONE MASS**  
**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY AT 9:00 A.M.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)** For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto: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](mailto:amy.rebeiz@gmail.com)**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast after every Mass on Sunday February 23, by the Confirmation Students and helpers. Proceeds for our Parish ShareLife.

**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 \$7,270.50 February 9, 2020 (Includes pag)

**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37 – Various Teachings of Jesus**

### **Going the Extra Mile**

In today's Gospel we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times..." but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in the Cardinal's exhortation is "increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

## **IFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2020**

The 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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**

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