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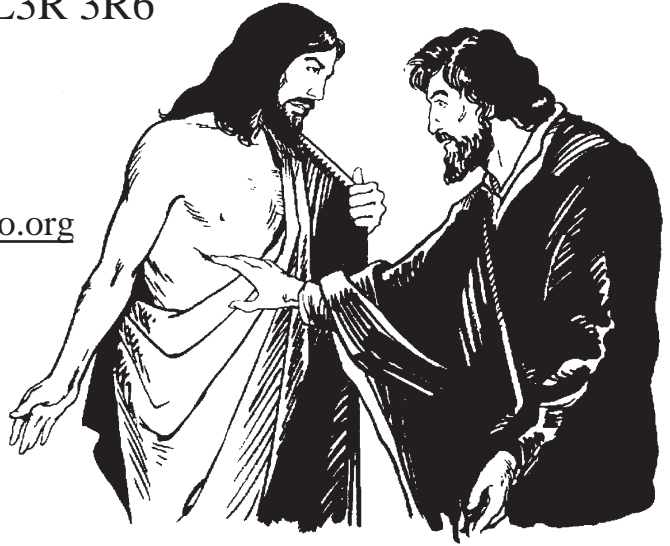
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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.**  
+Peter and Jesuina Fernandes  
(Pete and Teresa Fernandes)

**Monday 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday 12:10 p.m.**  
  
+Ruth Pullen and Lawrence Pullen Jr.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday 12:10 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of Acayan Family

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
+Colleen Martis  
(Family)

**Thursday 12:10 p.m.**  
+Mrs. Lai-Ying Poon  
(Jefferson Tse)

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Friday 12:10 p.m.**  
  
+Alberto Poblete  
(Dita and Romon Monzon)

**Friday: 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

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

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
+Ron Young  
(Genco Family)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
+Keith LeeWo  
(Mark and Juliet Huang)

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**  
  
+Giovanni Giustini  
(Family)

**Sunday 12:00 p.m.**

For the People of the Parish

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2020**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, 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, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Gene Chong, Maris-Stella Ram-Kumar, Ancilla Campo, Bernard Ho, Loretta Ho Agnes Yuen and William Liu

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Joao Amaral, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING** **LENT AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. MASS**

### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.”  
Are you being called to a life as 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?)

### **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)

**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](mailto: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 \$646.42 March 15, 2020 Pag

### 4th Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10 - 13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9. 1-41 – Jesus heals a blind man.

### *True Recovery of Sight*

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 22, 2020

### **How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?**

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

## **QUEBEC PILGRIMAGE**

### **IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE – JULY 10 – 12, 2010**

Visiting: Our Lady of the Cape (Notre Dame du Cap), St. Anne-de-Beaupre, St. Patrick, Le Montmarte, Our Lady of Lourdes. More information on the Bulletin Board or Contact: Alicia Moo Choy (416) 953-6111

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