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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

By appointment only: 416-799-0407

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.

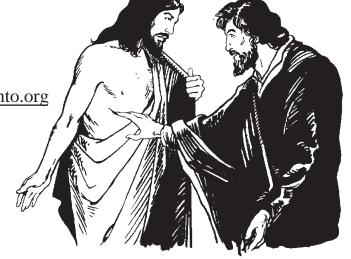
MARRIAGES

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

12:10 p.m.

+Gina Figliomeni (Helen Florio)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Crystal McTaggart (Jackie Mackenzie)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

+Wing Pak Seto (Family)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

+Rosie Fernandes (Marian Pereira)

Thursday

12:10 p.m.

+Maria Hing Lan Leung (Family)

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

+Intentions of Emily Beaton

Friday

12:10 p.m.

+Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)

Friday:

7:00 p.m.

Vocations for the Priesthood

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

+Frank Carrubba (Family)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

For the living and deceased members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their living and deceased families.

(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

+Colleen Martis (Family)

Sunday

12:00 p.m.

+Remedies Hashim (Tiongson and Hashim Families)

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Rowen Lee McBride, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Marcus Rodrigues, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Father Patrick Gnanapragasam and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Giuseppe La Selva and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

There will be no evening Mass on Monday and Tuesday evenings until Father Patrick has recuperated. Please pray for Father Patrick.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Friday before the evening Mass

REGISTRATIONS EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS ASKED FOR DONATIONS IF YOU ARE ABLE.

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LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK DAILY 12:10 MASS AND SUNDAY 10:30 MASS

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$4,778.70 (September 20 (Includes PAG, Donate now, etc.)

GROTTO

A Grotto is being made on Church grounds in thanksgiving for our Lady's intercession and protection during this time of pandemic. If you want to help especially with heavy lifting please contact the parish office. If you want to help financially please put on an envelope your name, envelope offertory number, and the word grotto and drop it in the offertory basket. Please join us on October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary) by the grotto site (near glass door entrance) to pray the rosary at 6:30 p.m. before the evening Mass.

The Car Raffle that was usually held May 31st will be held October 30TH

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Website: www.wwme.org

26TH SUNDAY OF IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32 – The Parable of the Two Sons

Seeking to Serve Rather than be Served

In today's second reading St. Paul offers us a radical way of living as Christians. He says that we should humbly. "regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." While this is a challenging way of life, it is at the very heart of being a steward.

To fully live with other people's interests above our own we require a dramatic interior conversion. Our society propagates the importance of the unholy trinity of "me, myself and I". In order to begin this conversion, we need to turn to prayer and seek to imitate Jesus, the true steward. Jesus always sought to be a servant of others instead of demanding to be served. This was shown very poignantly when he washed the feet of the apostles. In this image, we see what it means to be a steward. To humble ourselves before others and seek their good before our own.

Imagine a parish community where everyone strives to serve their brothers and sisters. This service can be manifested in a variety of ways, whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family in the parish or supporting a family undergoing a major change or crises in their life. Let us constantly renew our commitment to being stewards and seek to serve rather than be served.

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