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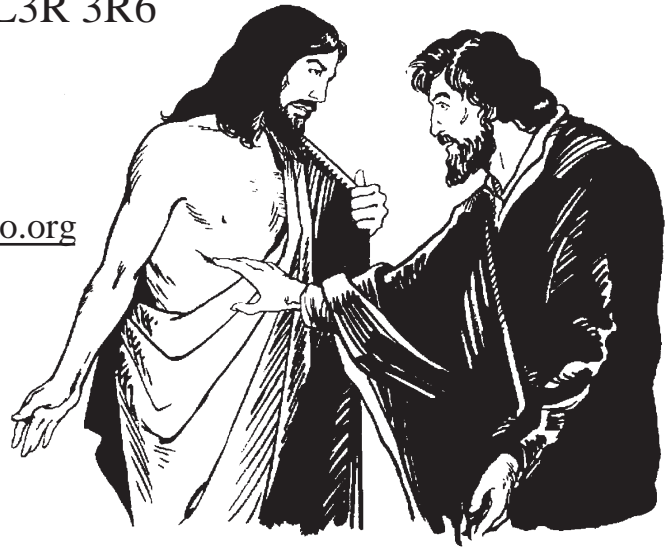
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

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St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350



Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Wing Pak Seto (Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Richard Nadon (Atkins Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Manual and Justa Galindo (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Hilda Eng (Bayani and Ella Herald)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Desmond and Diane Atkins (Family)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Irene De Roche
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Pearl Perera (Shiranee and Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Arlindo De Franca (Edith Batista and Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Jin Imm Tan (Family)
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Rosa Corsetto (Giovanna Virzi and Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Kassidy Chiu (Family)
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.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Wing Pak Seto (Family)
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 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, Pat Wilson, Phillip Kong, Theresita Siao, Angelo Drago and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Martin Dimnik, those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Is a time to prepare reflectively on our Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. It should be characterized by an attitude of “watch and pray” as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Friday before the evening Mass
This Friday is First Friday

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

ANYBODY EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF
THE COVID VIRUS
Are to remain at home. They are dispensed from
coming to church.

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE
FOR THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND.
MASS SUNDAY EVENINGS
AT 7:00 P.M. BEGINS TODAY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAS ASKED FOR DONATIONS
IF YOU ARE ABLE.
The Box is by the glass door entrance.

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$5,041.05 (November 22, 2020) (Includes PAG, Donate now, etc.)

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.

Masses Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight
 Christmas Day at 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

All Confessions will have to be by appointment

Father Allyn Rose: 416-799-0407

Father Patrick: 647-877-0407

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL for Christmas and throughout the new year will be collected December 12/13. Envelopes will be at the exits today and December 5/6. Please drop the envelopes in the weekly collection baskets by the exit door December 12/13.

COMMENTARY: ON THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Now that we are into a new liturgical year, we transition into Cycle B readings. During this cycle we focus on the Gospel of Mark (Cycle A was the Gospel of Matthew and Cycle C is the Gospel of Luke, with the Gospel of John being interspersed). In today's reading from the Gospel of Mark we hear about the return of Christ. Jesus affirms that we will not know when His return will be. Therefore, we should not get caught up in predictions of His return as, unfortunately, many people have made throughout history and especially in recent years. Trying to predict the time of His return is pointless and only serves to distract us from the point of Jesus' words here and elsewhere about His second coming: prepare! Jesus wants us to be ready for His return. We are to be "alert" and "watchful." That means we are to be focused on the Lord. It's easy in our society to get distracted. There are hundreds of things pulling us in different directions, especially this time of year, so we can easily lose focus of what's most important: our faith. During Advent, we are called to focus on our relationship with God. We are called, in particular, to repent of sins and receive God's forgiveness. That way, we can be ready when Jesus comes. While Jesus is away (like the traveling man in the Gospel), what are we doing with what He has given us? Are we working diligently to fulfill what He asks us to do? Or are we sleeping and therefore, not paying attentions to God's will? We cannot know when Jesus will return but we can ensure that when He comes His house will not be in shambles. We should prepare our hearts by turning from sin and turning to God this Advent.

TAKING IT HOME:

- **Take time this week to do an examination of conscience, reflecting on where you have fallen short in serving God. Then, visit the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess those sins. God is waiting there to offer you His grace and forgiveness.**
- **If Jesus were to return today, would you be ready? Would He find His "house" (i.e. your life) in shambles or in good order? What do you need to do in order to prepare your heart for Christ's return? Maybe it's time to do some housecleaning and ready yourself to welcome Christ.**

(Commentary – St. Joseph's in Marion)

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