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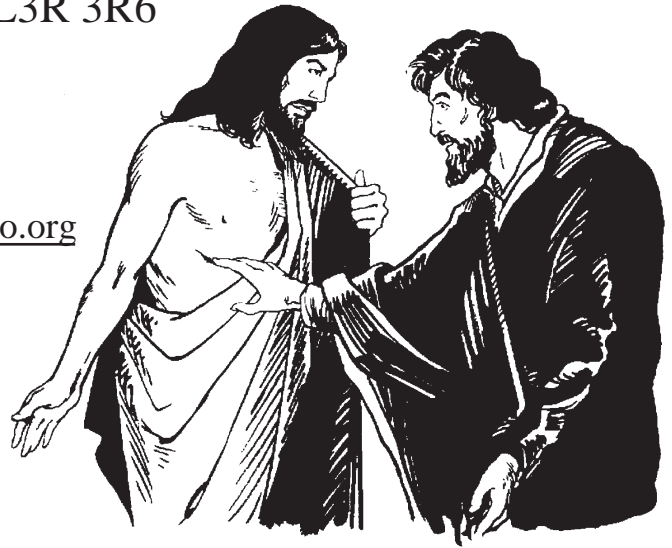
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 8:00, 10:00 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 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only.

Father Allyn Rose: 416-799-0407

Father Patrick Gnanapragasam: 647-877-1774

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”

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(LAETARE SUNDAY)
SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.
+Tony Sequeira	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	12:10 p. m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Johnny Fitzpatrick (The Rose Family)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Friday	12:10
p.m. Living and deceased family and friends of Chit and Josephine Szeto	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
+Jennifer Jacob (Atkins Family)	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+King Pak Seto (Family)	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
+Glenville Stuart (Pat Stuart)	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish	

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Theresita Siao, Angelo Drago, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Tsuju Lin, Dayton Anthony Wong, all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY – REMAINS THE SAME AT 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY – 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. AND 12:00 NOON

THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR CLEANING
AFTER EACH MASS

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

*ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Thursday before the evening Mass
(Thursday Evening during Lent)*

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK
DAILY 12:10 MASS AND SUNDAY 10:00 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
NAMES ADDED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY
WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT THE USHERS HAVE.

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. Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

We received \$7,708.30 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

Gospel Reading – John 2:13-25

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented as asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through His death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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