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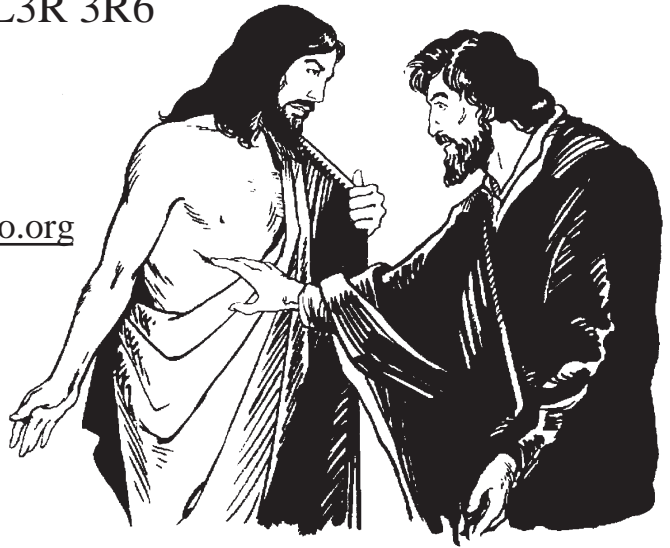
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK

Monday 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Monday 7:30 p.m.
+Susan Wong
(Alicia Lyn)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Kazimierz and Aldora Pucyk
(Pucyk Family)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
+Josephine Pereira
(Tony Pereira and Family)

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 12:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Friday 3:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Saturday 8:30 p.m.
The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

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

Easter Sunday 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

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: Father Donald MacLean, Leonardo Del Medico, Anneleto Nuval, Maggie Leung, Joseph Chiu Fai Luk, all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Will be at 7:00 p.m. (no noon Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION
Will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 8:00 p.m. The Good Friday collection is for the needs of the churches in the Holy Land.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY
OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
From meat for Catholics between 14 and 59 and who are in good enough health to participate. Those who suffer illness should join their sufferings to the Passion of the Lord for the good of the Church.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
Friday April 2 – 11:30; Saturday April 3 – 11:30; Easter Sunday, April 4 – 7:30 a.m.; Monday to Friday, April 5 – 9 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Saturday April 10 – 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY,
APRIL 2 AT 8:00 P.M.

ALL MASSES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM HAS TO BE SIGNED UP FOR ON SIGN UP GENIUS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER OR EMAIL YOU CAN PHONE THE OFFICE AND WE WILL SIGN YOU UP.

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: March 21 - \$5,210.70

JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH AND CRUCIFIED. THE CENTURION WHO WITNESSED HIS DEATH DECLARED, "THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD."

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout His public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for His death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin – the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders – He was charged with blasphemy, citing His threat to the Temple. When He was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented His crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue His ministry after His death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over His impending fate while His disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood His death to have been preordained, and He accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood His anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of His burial, and He announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted His betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At His arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before His accusers. After He was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until His final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that He was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in His death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in His obedient suffering and dying, revealed Himself to us as God's Son.

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