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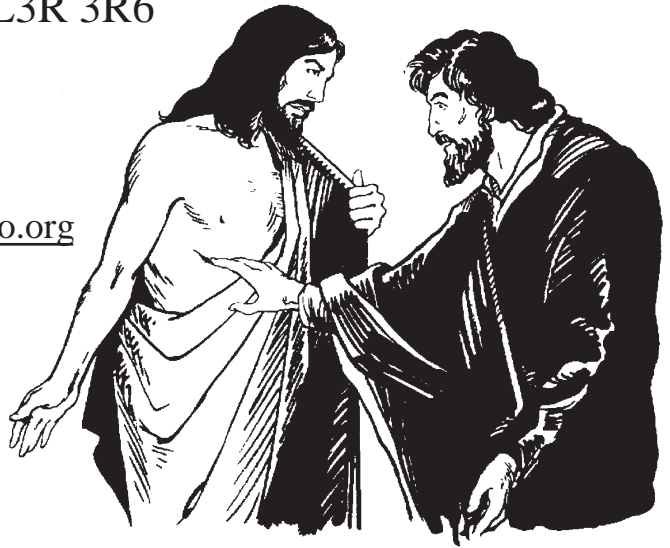
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Smith Mackenzie (Jackie Mackenzie)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Chin Szeto and Kenneth Eng (Chit and Josephine Szeto)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Anna and Kazimierz Starkiewicz (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Mr. Chung-Yuen Tse (Jefferson Tse)
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Leonardo Del Medico (Ursola Acardi)
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Danny O'Brien (Atkins Family)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living and deceased Sisters of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their living and deceased families
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For the people of the parish
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Anna Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SUNDAY APRIL 4, 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: Leo Del Medico all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

HAPPY EASTER to all our parishioners and visitors to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. May our celebration of the Paschal Mystery inspire us to live our faith in the Resurrection of the Lord, provide us with hope in times of suffering and bring us closer to God. May our faith strengthen us to bear witness to God's love for all his children.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED and those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord who has given them the grace of the sacraments help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. ***Thanks to their catechists and sponsors who accompanied them through the Rite of Christian Initiation.***

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday – Friday – After the 7:00 p.m. Mass
Saturday – 4:30 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Mass

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE
IN THE SMALL HALL

SIGN UP FOR WEEKEND MASSES MUST
BE DONE BY 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAYS

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 28, 2021 - \$7,558.25 (Includes PAG and all Donations)

COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL: "CHRIST IS ALIVE"

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early on the first day of the week. Borne by her love and fidelity to Jesus, she went quickly to finish the job of embalming His cadaver. Pope Francis points out that "she was not a woman easily given to enthusiasm. In fact, after her first visit to the sepulchre she returns disappointed to the Apostles' hiding place. She tells them that the stone has been removed from the entrance to the sepulchre, and her first hypothesis is the simplest that one could formulate: someone must have stolen Jesus' body. Thus, the first announcement Mary makes is not the one of the Resurrection, but of a theft perpetrated by persons unknown while all Jerusalem slept. As soon as Peter and John heard what Mary told them, they went running to the tomb to see what had happened. What they discovered went far beyond anything they could have imagined.

The Evangelist's words describe with vivid realism what they found at the tomb.

To begin with, lying there were the linen cloths that had wrapped Him as a shroud. If anyone had entered to rob the body, would they have taken the time to remove them? It doesn't seem logical. Besides, the linen cloths lay as they had been when wrapping the body of Jesus, but now they did not wrap anything, and for that reason were lying flat, as if the body of Jesus had turned to vapor and passed right through them. Moreover, when a body was being prepared for burial, a napkin was first wrapped about the head, and then the whole body and the head as well were wrapped in linen cloths. John's narrative specifies that the napkin was "rolled up in a place by itself," that is, keeping the same position it had when Jesus' body was there.

"What actually happened there? Clearly, for the witnesses who encountered the risen Lord, it was not easy to say. They were confronted," Benedict XVI writes, "with what for them was an entirely new reality, far beyond the limits of their experience. Jesus had not returned to a human life as Lazarus had. "The New Testament testimonies leave us in no doubt that what happened in the 'Resurrection of the Son of Man' was utterly different.

'Christ is alive.' This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus, who died on the Cross, has risen. He has triumphed over death; He has overcome sorrow, anguish and the power of darkness," Saint Josemaria joyfully proclaimed, expressing the faith of the Church. "He is not someone who has gone, someone who existed for a time and passed on, leaving us a wonderful example and a marvelous memory, No, Christ is alive. Jesus is the Emmanuel: God with us. His Resurrection shows us that God does not abandon His own."

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