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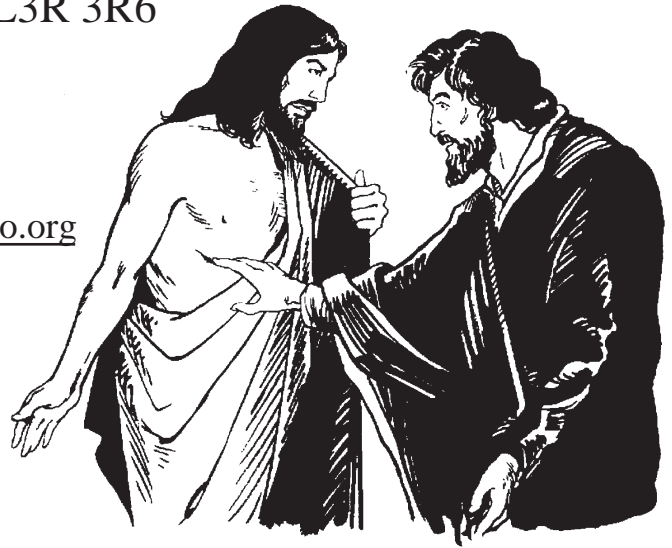
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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Monday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Arlinda Martha Fernandes (Anthony Pereira and Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Mahendran & Kamalalosana Weerasingham on their 35 th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Dickey Rode (Rayner Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Chik-Hing Yu (Yu Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	+Lucas Cheng (Cheng Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Josephine Pereira (Tony Pereira and Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Wing Pak Seto (Family)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Anna Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY JUNE 20, 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, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Will be from 6:00 – to 7:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK
DAILY 12:10 MASS, SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M.
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 12:00 NOON ON
SATURDAY WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT
THE USHERS HAVE. WE ARE DOWN TO 15%
106 PER MASS

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. 2021 Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received \$11,912.75 – June 13, 2021 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

Commentary by Father Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka

Both the first reading from Job and the Gospel of Mark today, reminds us that God is the creator of the world. Hence, He has the power to control and regulate all the natural, physical and spiritual forces or activities going on in this world. He has the whole world in His hands and so, directs the course of our lives and the history of this world. He knows when best to intervene both in our personal life and in the history of our entire world. This is evident in His timely response to Job and, intervention in the situation of His disciples. According to our second reading, when God intervenes, He does so out of love for us, His children and world. This is what He did when He allowed His only Son Jesus Christ to die at the appropriate time in order to save and renew us.

Life is full of storms. At times, they can become so strong and strange that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complaints might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that He has abandoned us or that He does not exist. These storms come in different forms. They could be: problems in our marriage, our children who are not responding well, lack of a good job, poor finance, inability to procreate, or a prolonged sickness that has defied all treatments. They could also be the inability to find or maintain a good and stable relationship or, falling out with people all the time. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending, but these represent the realities we face every day. Brethren, the truth is that, there is no assurance that our lives would be completely free of storms. However, the good news is that, there is an assurance that Christ is with us to help us succeed.

There are two basic truths that the gospel reveals to us about these problems. The First is that, Christ is with you in that boat and, is aware of the storm you are battling with. So, you cannot be with Him and yet sink. It is not possible! The second is that, no matter how experienced you think you are in navigating your own boat, you cannot overcome your storms alone. Hence, Christ tells us: *“Apart from me, you can do nothing.”* There is no doubt that before inviting Christ, His disciples made much effort to control their own boat. However, when they failed, they cried out: *“Lord, do you not care if we perish?”* Of course, Christ intervened because He assured us: *“Call upon Me in times of trouble and I will help you” (Ps 50:15)*

Finally, there are three things we must continue to do. First, rather than live in fear and complain like Job, or give up completely, let us cry out and invite the Lord to help us. This is because: *“Our help come from the Lord who made heaven and earth” Ps 121, 1-2)* Second, we must continue to show profound faith in God, His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. That is, faith makes us believe that God created us in love sustains us with His providence and will save us through His mercy. Third, we must continue to be thankful to God in all circumstances of our life. So, with the psalmist let us *“...Give thanks to the Lord, for His love and mercy endures forever.”*

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