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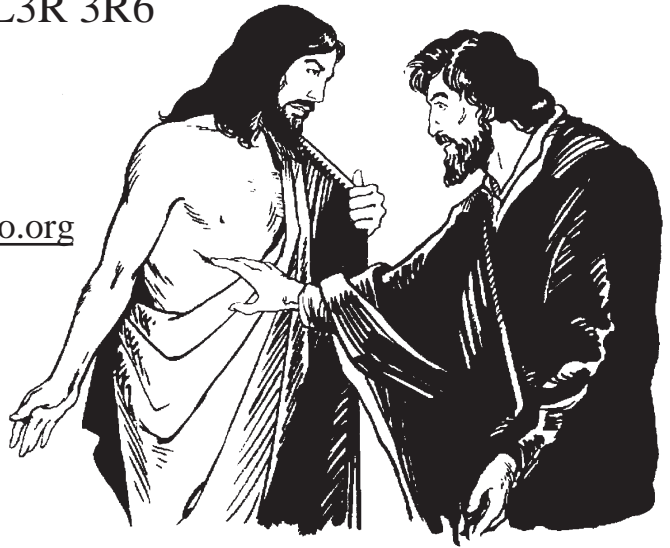
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY JULY 25, 2021

Monday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Father Richard Andrews
(Jefferson Tse)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
+Maryse Da Silva
(Alicia Lyn)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving for Rita Mukerji
(Mukerji Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
+Ernest Lue Shing
(Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Glenville and Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Elizabeth Chelliah
(Albert Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Andrew Cheng
(Cheng Family)

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.
+Josephine Pereira
(Vera and Stephen Fernandes)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
+Lai Shai-Chan Kwok
(Josephine and Chit Szeto)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Jefferson Tse
(Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Living and deceased Sisters of the
daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families.
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
+Glenville and Virginia 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, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Angel Sevilla and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For 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
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

BUNDLE UP FOR THE
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We accept all clothing, all footwear, bedding, drapery/towels, Toys (new or nearly new)

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PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received \$6,785.00 July 11, 2021

\$5,543.00 July 18, 2021

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

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. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language He used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed His disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist – the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes – the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus Himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Christ. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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