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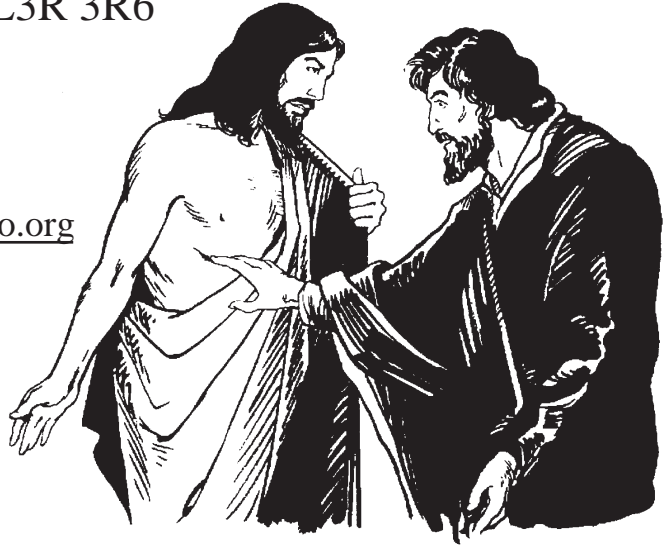
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

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Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	90-475-2536
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Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Bert Chichioco
(Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
+William Stanley Rutherford
(Alicia Lyn)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Father John Basil Edward Breen

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
+Edilberto De La Cruz
(De La Cruz Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Teresa Tang

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Leonardo Del Medico
(Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Lydia Cheong
(Seck Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+John Chiu
(Jefferson Tse)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
+Josefina Manalo Gonzales
(Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+John Patel
(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.
+Frank Carrubba
(Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Angel Sevilla, Sean Munroe, Aubrey Yee-Sang, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

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

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF OCTOBER
Occurs this week. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will take place until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.

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.

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website: wwme.org

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$6,765.00 (September 19, 2012)
(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

Mark 9:38 – 43, 47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against Him is for Him.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark has a lesson as telling today as it was when Jesus was instructing His disciples. The seriousness that characterises groups upholding a religious tradition often becomes exclusive and intolerant. The apostle John reports disapprovingly that they had seen a man casting out devils in the name of Jesus. How precious in the memory of Christian faith is the Lord's response. Authentic faith and discipleship must reflect the inclusive ways of God, proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: Love your enemies...you must set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father set none to His' (Mt 5:48). 'Anyone who is not against us is for us' – words filled with wisdom and generosity. The Lord is at work in every human heart, and who are we to make judgments that may obstruct the mysterious purposes of God?

The rest of the reading provides an important complement to the great lesson concerning outsiders that has just been given. Those who are within the community of faith have a great responsibility to uphold and protect the truth and values of the Gospel – 'these little ones who have faith' are not the children in the community, but members of the community who may be led astray. What are we to make of Jesus' drastic advice to 'cut off bodily members that may cause sin'? If they refer to person morality – the more frequently heard interpretation – they are a reminder that faithful discipleship may call for heroically painful decisions. (As we know, the Semitic forms of expression used by Jesus are surprisingly strong to our ears.) There is a strong case, however, for an interpretation of these words as following on from reference to the 'little ones. In this interpretation they would refer to exclusion from the community, of persons who would corrupt the faith of insecure believers.

The First Reading from Numbers provides a remarkable parallel to the Gospel text. Now it is Joshua – the leader, who was to succeed Moses and lead the Israelites into their Promised Land – who reacts in too exclusive a fashion. The response of Moses has a timelessness that is breathtaking; it sums up the ideal that should animate any leader of God's people: 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave His Spirit to them all!' Prophets are those who speak out in God's name, pointing the way forward to God's people.

The reading from James reminds us of another exclusiveness, the sense of power and difference that close off wealthy people from their fellow human beings. Our passage follows an ironic description of the plans of the wealthy. In the spirit of old Israel's Wisdom tradition, it goes on to declare that these grand plans will have no lasting outcome. It is not rich people in the Christian community who are being referred to, but the wealthy and unscrupulous of the surrounding society. Even so, they carry an implicit reminder for believers of the Saviour's words: 'It is harder for someone rich to enter the kingdom of Heaven' (Mt 19:23; see also Paul's rebuke to an early Christian community in which the behaviour of the wealthy was forming 'factions' 1 Cor 11:18 – 21).

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