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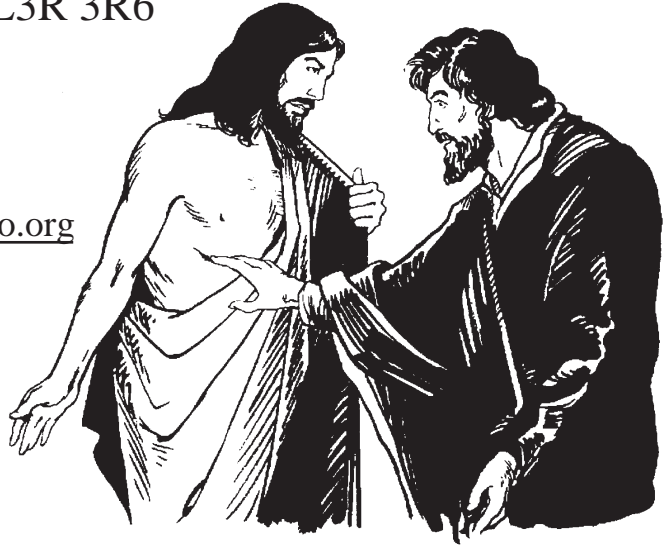
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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DAY CARE

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TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021

Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Remedios Hashim
(Tiongson and Hashim Families)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Francisco Papa
(Family)

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

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Ray Cottam
(Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Alexis Seck
(Seck Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Julia Alphonso
(Godmother)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
McTaggart Families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of Reginald and Mary Augustine
(Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
the Simmons Family

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

+Rodolfo Asilador
(JP and Virginie Chan)

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: Fausta Toledo, Agripina Aldana Frialde and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE FOR
THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND

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PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$5,741.96 (September 26, 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 10:2-16 – Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and His disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach His disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes His public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and He taught them, as was His custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test Him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquired about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intentions were that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question Him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to His disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of His teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguishes His teaching from the cultural norms of His time by applying His words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught His disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands His disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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