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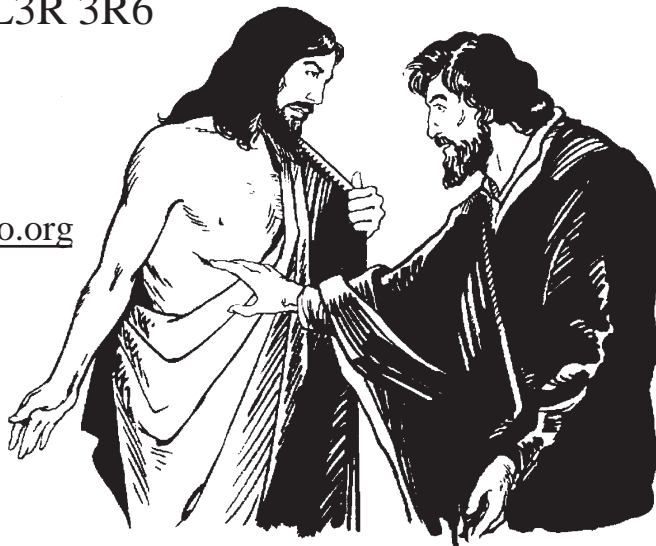
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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"

SCHOOLS

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St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2021

Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Lucy, Andrew and Pauline Lam
(Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
All Saints Day

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
All Soul's Day

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
All Soul's Day

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Hing Lan Leung, Chik Hing Yu and
deceased members of the Leung and Yu
Families
(Leung and Yu Families)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Christopher Chiu
(Chiu Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Josephine Pereira
(Francis Toscano and Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Rose and Michael Pais
(Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Pat Stuart)

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
+Gillian Castleford
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Living and Deceased Members of the Atkins
Family
(Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
+Wing Pak Seto
(Family)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the
Simmons Family

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, 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: Lilia Tiongson and 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 NOVEMBER
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.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK IS HERE
THIS WEEKEND

We accept all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, Toys (new or nearly new.) We do not accept books, construction material, dishes, furniture, video or audio cassettes.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$6,749.76 (October 24, 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

God speaks to us in many ways
including through the Sunday Scripture readings.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Moses teaches the people to love and worship God Alone.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-3, -4,47,51 A prayer of praise to God our strength

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28 Jesus intercedes for us as our Eternal High Priest

Gospel Reading:

Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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