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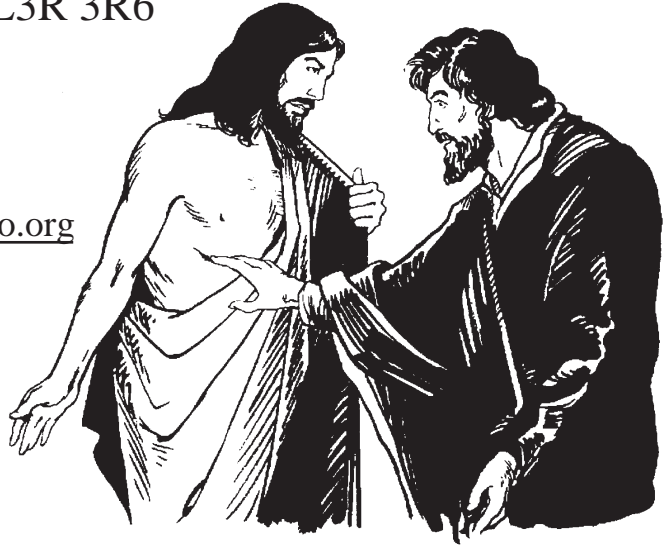
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

PARISH MUSICIANS

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2020

Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Cardinal L. T. Picachy
(Sunu)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
+Cecelia Monteiro
(Avelino D'Souza and Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Lilia Tionsong
(Cruz Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Avelino D'Souza and Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Francisco Secco
(Prayer Group)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Monica Sequeira and Souza Marques
(Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Steven Bruce Newby
(Winnie Caballero)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Joseph Xavier
(Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Anthony Seck
(Family)

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of the
Ling, Clemente and Huang Families

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Jean Philippe and Virginie Chan

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

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, 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, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Wing Yuen and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Mary Joe Ku, Helen Larsson, 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 DECEMBER
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 ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL for Christmas and though out the year will be taken up on the weekend of December 11/12th Envelopes will be in the bulletin and on the table at the back of the church the week before. For those who want to donate online [SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE](#) [CONFEREN](#) | [Charity Profile](#) | [Donate Online](#) | [Canadahelps](#)

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$6,593.46 (November 21, 2021)
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS
Will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

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

Masses Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight
 Christmas Day at 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

Christmas falls on Saturday this year, because of this there will be no 5:00 Vigil Mass for the Sunday. Masses on Sunday will be as usual. 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon

REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

Parents of children who would like to prepare for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can visit the parish office to pick up a registration package. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's baptism certificate. Registration is open until the end of February. Please note that the classes will be in-person, public health restrictions permitting.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CYCLE C

Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-28, 24-36

Jesus teaches His disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in Glory.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, which is also the First Sunday of the New Liturgical Year. The Advent Season includes the Four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of Preparations for the Coming of the Lord. In this Season, we recall two central elements of our faith: The Final coming of the Lord to Glory and the Incarnation of the Lord in the Birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent Season are Watchful Waiting, Preparation, and Justice.

In this New Liturgical Year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to His disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in Glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the Coming of the Son of Man in Glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel many have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most Scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpret this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages His disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, not should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In His Person and in His message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in His continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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