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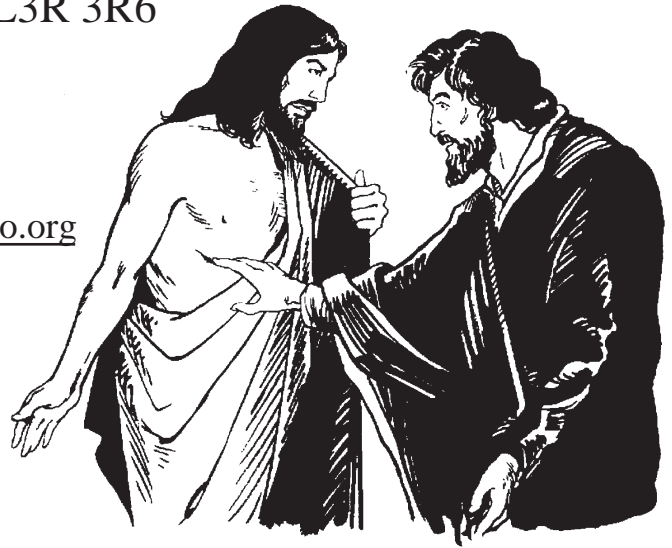
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2020

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Wing Pak Seto (Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Mary-Joe Ku (St. Thomas the Apostle Choir)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Lilia Tionson (Chichioco Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory (Alicia Lyn)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Stanislawa Mazur (Ramsay Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Godofredo Calabano, Fulgencio Cerezo and Lorenza Cerezo (Calabano Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for the Menezes Family
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Rosa Lim
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	+Francis D'Souza (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of Virginie and JP Chan (Josie and Chit Szeto)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Olga D'Rosario (Atkins Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Arlinda Fernandes (Francis Toscano and Family)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Mary and Rohib Elias (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, 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: Elizabeth Wong 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*

*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 next weekend 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, \$9,211.36 (November 28, 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 8:00, 10:00 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels – Mark, Matthew and Luke – attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The Evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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