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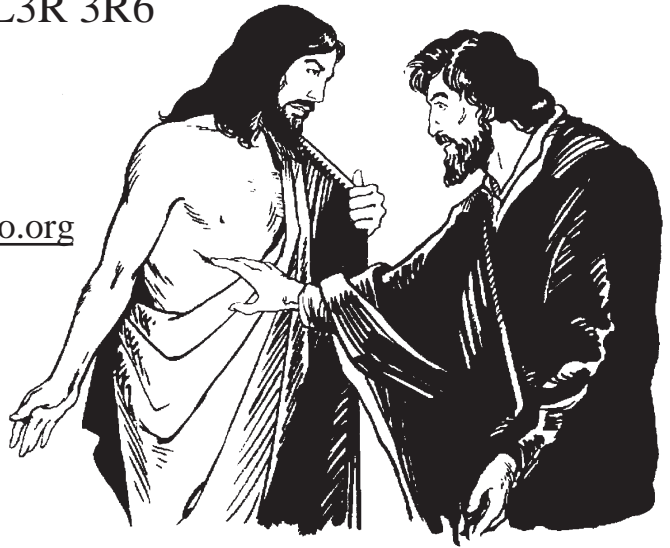
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2020

Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim and Jin
Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
+Mary-Joe Ku
(Athaide Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Roger Gatbonton
(Zamora Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Felicito Cristi
(Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Stanislawa Mazur
(Ramsay Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
Tomas Hashim
(Tiongson and Hashim Families)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Alphones Iruthayam
(Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Wing Pak Seto
(Family)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of George Ling and Family
(Juliette and Mark Huang)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
+Maria Bernal
(Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Violet Patel
(Family)

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
+Luiza Pinto
(Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
+Mrs. Lai-Ying Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

If your child is in grad 7 or 8 and has not yet received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please pick up a registration form and further information from the parish office. Classes will begin in January and registration is required

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$7,099.01 (December 5, 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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will be starting a fundraiser to collect EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles, Spirits bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey, etc.) Starting next weekend of December 11th until Mid January 2022.

We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer. There will be bins placed on the side form them to drop it off. Knights will be present to manage and remove empties prior to start of Mass. We have a designated area down in the Church Hall/kitchen to store them. Once we accumulate enough, we will take them to the beer store and have the funds brought to the church. If some parishioners are not comfortable or cannot carry them to the church, we encourage them to approach us down in the hall and someone can assist. Or they can contact me directly on the bulletin. (Phillip Lee)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete action: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggest that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in His divine plans.

The Third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word tht means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of Joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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