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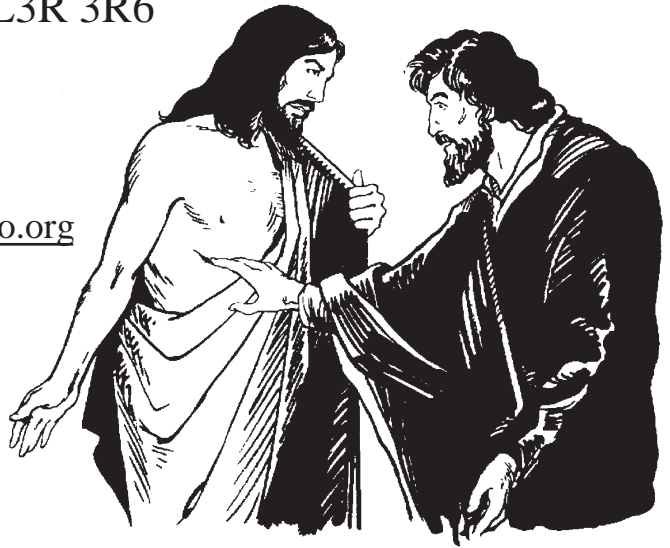
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 Church)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursday & Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to
7:00 Evening Mass.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Weekend and Weekday Masses

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 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

St. Benedict

905-475-9646

St. Francis Xavier

905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee	416-873-2586
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Julie Gatbonton
(Zamora Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
+Miguel Francisco
(Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Una Nathaniel
(Pat Stuart)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 12:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Friday 3:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Saturday 8:30 p.m.
The Easter Vigil

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

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, 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, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Wing Yuen, Betty Chan, Irene Tsang, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho and for all those who are sick with the Covid - 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have died from the Covid - 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Following the evening Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Good Friday from 10:00-10:45 and following the Stations of the Cross, and Holy Saturday from 10:00-10:45 and from 4:00-5:00.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be at 7:00 p.m. (no noon Mass). There will be a free will offering for Canadian Food for Children.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday collection is for the needs of the churches in the Holy Land.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

From meat for Catholics between 14 and 59 and who are in good enough health to participate. Those who suffer illness should join their sufferings to the Passion of the Lord for the good of the Church.

2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION DAY OF PRAYER

The Legion of Mary is hosting the Annual 2000 Hail Mary Devotion on May 7, 2022. We are inviting all to join us at St. Thomas the Apostle Church any time from 6:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can also join us by praying at home. Please contact Winnie Thien @416-889-0659 or winthien@rogers.com to sign up for a time slot and petition. God Bless and thank you. (Winnie)

DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REAL PRESENCE OF OUR LORD IN THE EUCHARIST? You are invited to attend a Zoom program on Jesus in the Eucharist: the source and summit of Christian life. The program runs from April 26 on wards for two hour a week. Registrations can be made at JesusInTheEucharist@gmail.com Capital J,I,T and E. For more information, please see the poster at the entrance of the Church.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received: \$9,679.16 (April 3, 2022)
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. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Gospel Reading – Luke 22:14-23:56

From the Cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with Him in paradise.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as He hands over the kingdom to His to His disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be His last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs His disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicated the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As He prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen Him and to prepare Him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout His passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against His arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; His words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attentions many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with Him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until His death, comments His Spirit to His Father and takes His final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in His obedient suffering and dying, revealed Himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

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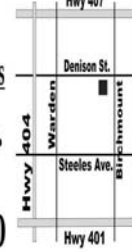
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