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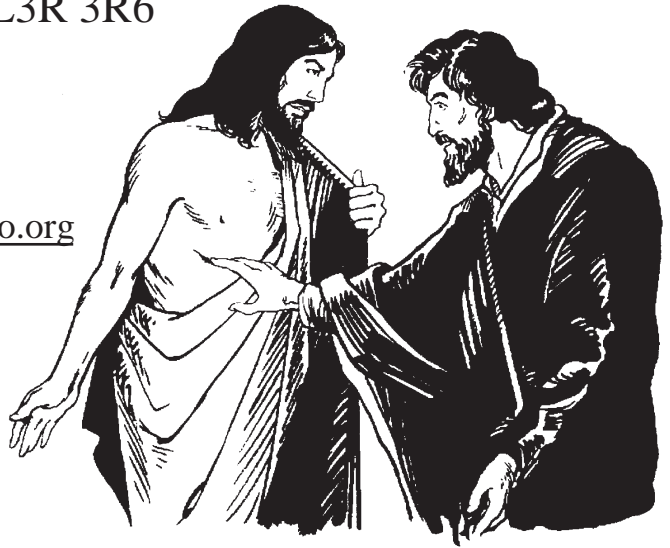
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

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### 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 for the Intentions Week

Monday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Monday	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Jefferson Tse (Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Rafael Buenaobra (Zamora Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Maria San Agustin (Family)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Patricia Anthony (Alicia Lyn)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Justa Manuel Galindo (Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Living and deceased family and friends of Jean and Andy Pucyk
Friday	7:00 p.m.	+Bertha Fernandes (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Fermino George (Pricilla and Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Christine Lee (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of Stella and Phillip Joseph on their Wedding Anniversary

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MAY 1, 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.

### THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY

**Occurs this week. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.**

### 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.) 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.

### 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.

### PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received: \$7,998.26 (April 24, 2022)**

**(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

### LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

**"SHARELIFE IS THE WAY THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD.**

This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins  
Thus far we have raised \$28,998.00 (this includes what is given to the ShareLife Office directly.)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

**Gospel Reading – John 21:1-19**

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES FOR A THIRD TIME AFTER  
HIS RESURRECTION AND SHARES A MEAL WITH THEM.

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after His Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize Him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus had directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become His very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring – bread and wine, "the work of human hands" – and transforms our offering into the gift of His very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs Himself to Simon Peter. The Community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow Him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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