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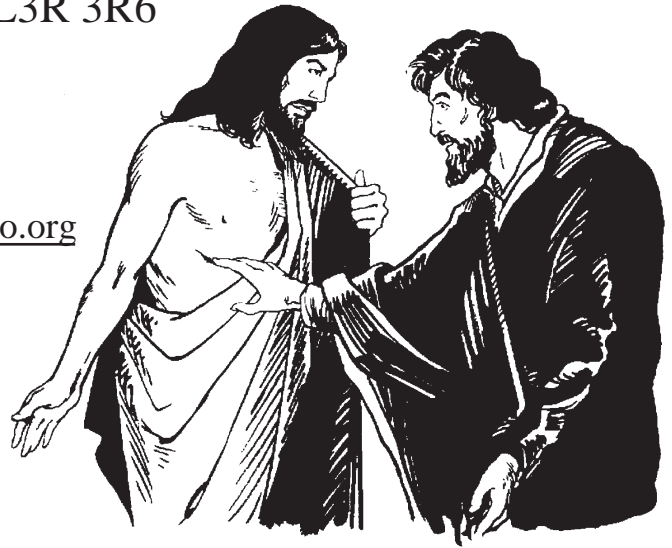
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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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 for the Intentions Week

Monday 12:10 p.m.
+Gorgonia Garcia
(Garcia and Guillem Families)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions
of Bijeesh Joseph and Family

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Theresa Baena on her 89th Birthday

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Vita and Giuseppe DiBlasi
(DiBlasi Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
+Cornelia De Las Alas
(Chiu Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Bill Jonkman
(Rose Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Arlinda Fernandes
(Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Shiu-Kai Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

Friday 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Sister Emma Ling
(Family)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Father Allyn Rose on his
Anniversary of Ordination
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the
Simmons Family

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the
Yu Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 8, 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 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: \$7,617.80
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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Thus far we have raised \$32,299.45 (this includes what is sent directly to ShareLife) toward our goal of \$85,000.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 8, 2022

Gospel Reading – John 10:27-30

JESUS DESCRIBES HIS CARE FOR HIS SHEEP

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to His authority by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of My sheep." Then Jesus asserts His unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but He escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and His followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one – not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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