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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 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



Monday

7:00 p.m.

+Teresa Chiu (Jefferson Tse)

Monday

7:00 p.m.

+Rosario and Maria Pereira (Avelino Dsouza and Family)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.

+Cyril and Elvira Athaide (Family)

Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Therese and Charles Chen (Pat Chong)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

+Carol M. Shu (Margaret and Joseph Shu)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving (Al Jacob)

Thursday

12:10 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Acayan Family

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday

12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Steven Daniel Chong-Ah-Yan (Pat Chong)

Friday

7:00 p.m.

+Ramon Umali (Tence Family)

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

+Gloria D'Souza (Daisy Pinto)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Lim-Chai-Yam Family (JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Dominic Choong (Cheng Family)

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

For Jaden Aquino on her Birthday (Family)

Sunday

12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 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, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero and Jacqueline Pang.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

For those who have no one to pray for them.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday August 15, 2022 Gather at the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca Grotto at 6:15 p.m.

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office will facilitate elementary school registrations during the summer months for the academic year 2022-2023. Registrations will take place at the Catholic Education Centre, located at 320 Bloomington Road West, in Aurora, during the months of July and August.

We are providing this service to enable parents to register their children during the summer months when all of our elementary schools are closed.

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: \$6,322.01 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are collecting EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottes, 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.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions. Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to once again celebrate our annual Mass in person. Our annual Mass for the faithful departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 17 at 7:00 p.m. Masses throughout Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries.

Cemetery locations and celebrants for this year's annual Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga Christ the King Cemetery, Markham Holy Cross cemetery, Thornhill Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri Most Reverend Robert Kasun His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins Reverend Msgr. Paul Zimmer Reverend Msgr. John Borean Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2022

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that He has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which He will be immersed as He approaches Jerusalem and His death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think He has come to being peace; He has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith required us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here He reminds the crowd that those who commit to Him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus Himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, He reminds His followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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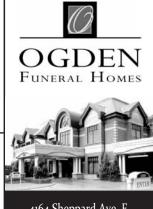


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