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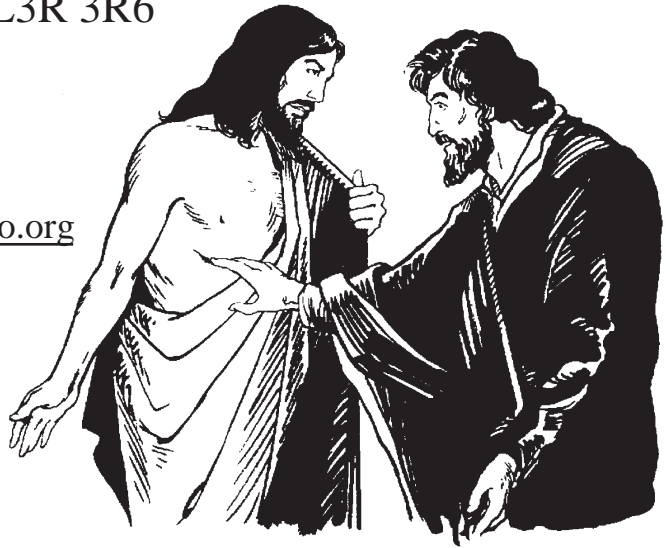
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee	416-873-2586
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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### 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.	+Lourdes A. Mendoza (Cruz Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	MARONITE MASS
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Joan Fernandes (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Christine, James, John & Stephanie Lim-Chai-Yam (J.P. & Virginie Chan)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Anne Rose and Ignatious Antonipillai +Josephine Bastiampillai (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	Deceased members of the Reyes and Cruz Families
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Yvonne and Wilfred Barretto (Fernandez Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	7:00 p.m.	+Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Irene De Roche (McKenna Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Kazimierz Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Stephen Patel (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Augustine Jeyanathan (Albert Family)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 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, Jacqueline Pang and Al Jacob.

## PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

For those who have no one to pray for them.

## PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received \$ 5,194.46

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are collecting EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey etc.). We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer in the bins that are placed on the side to collect them.

## 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 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.

## RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre, Mississauga, Ontario. A relic of St. Peregrine will be in the Chapel during the retreat. Theme: "Come, let Jesus hold you lovingly in His arms and fill you with strength." Cost: \$45.00 includes coffee cart on arrival and hot lunch. Call 905-278-5229 to register.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2022

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 13:22-30**

### **People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God**

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek work is used). Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we are told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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