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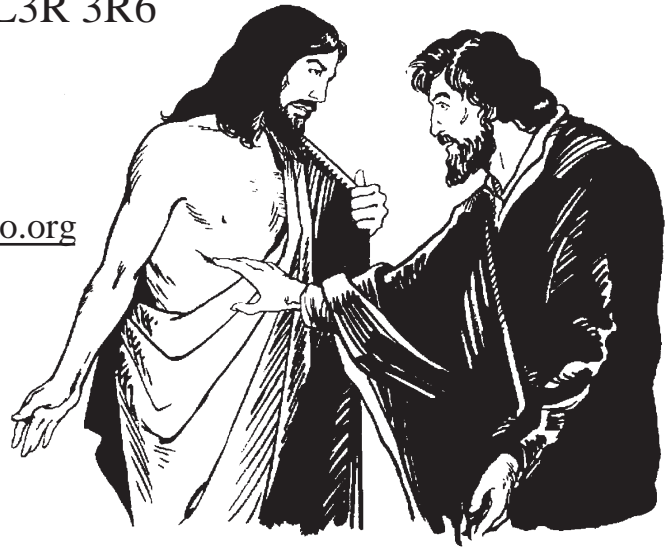
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Neil Ishmael	905-477-3129
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 December 12 12:10 p.m.

+John Harry Fernandes
(Athaide Family)

Monday December 12 7:00 p.m.

+Edgardo Marquez
(Ver Family)

Tuesday December 13 12:10 p.m.

+Elizabeth Vieira-Ribeiro
(Family)

Tuesday December 13 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday December 14 12:10 p.m.

+Antonietta Evangelista
(Maria Creta and the Rosary Group)

Wednesday December 14 7:00 p.m.

+Pedro Torres

Thursday December 15 12:10 p.m.

+Doc Gillies
(Rose Family)

Thursday December 15 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday December 16 12:10 p.m.

Thanksgiving
(Cheung Family)

Friday December 16 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving
(Brandon Vethanayagam)

Saturday December 17 9:00 a.m.

+Jesuthasan Simon Joseph
(Family)

Saturday December 17 5:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday December 18 8:00 a.m.

+Maria Bernal
(Family)

Sunday December 18 10:00 a.m.

+John and Violet Patel
(Family)

Sunday December 18 12:00 p.m.

+Luiza Pinto
(Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Domenic D'Souza, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Marien Pereira, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Dorine Couture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Betty Chan, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Al Jacob, Alice Lam, Bruce Crepe, William Yung, Loida Ganaden, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo and Liza Chan

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Linda Courchene and for those who have no one to pray for them.

COME AND JOIN US AS WE PREPARE
FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.

Misa de Gallo novena masses at St. Thomas church from December 16 – 24 at 5:15 a.m. for morning prayers followed by the Mass at 5:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.

Christmas Day: 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon

Christmas Confession: after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 24th and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Friday December 30: 12:10 and 7:00 p.m.**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Years Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day: 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon

Confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

SHARELIFE

New: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by and anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 Million. "Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people."

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$6,008.00 (November 27, 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

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS

Will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Goal 50,000.00 Including tiles, we have collected **\$65,655.00** Pledges **\$13,115.00** For a total of **\$78,770.00** **Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund.** 245 forms have been handed in 55 needs to be returned from the original 300. We have added another 100 tiles (after speaking with the contractor) for those who want to be a part in this fundraising for our new Sanctuary.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER!

The following items can be purchased for our Sanctuary:

Crucifix	\$ 9,605.00 (Paid)
Ambo (Lectern)	\$11,865.00 (Pledged)
Presider Chair for Priest and Deacons	\$ 3,900.00 (Paid)
St. Thomas the Apostle Statue moved	\$ 1,250.00 (Paid)
Tabernacle moved	\$ 2,400.00 (Paid)
Baptismal Font moved	\$ 400.00 (Paid)
New Lighting	\$ 5,198.00 (3,050.00 (paid so far)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through Him and praises John as more than a prophet.

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon or today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for who he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that He has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In His next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC continue to fundraise by collecting EMPTIES, such as the following: Beer cans or bottles, wine bottles, spirits such as (vodka, rum or whiskey, etc. **Drop off location for empties, downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.

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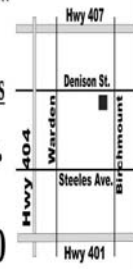
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