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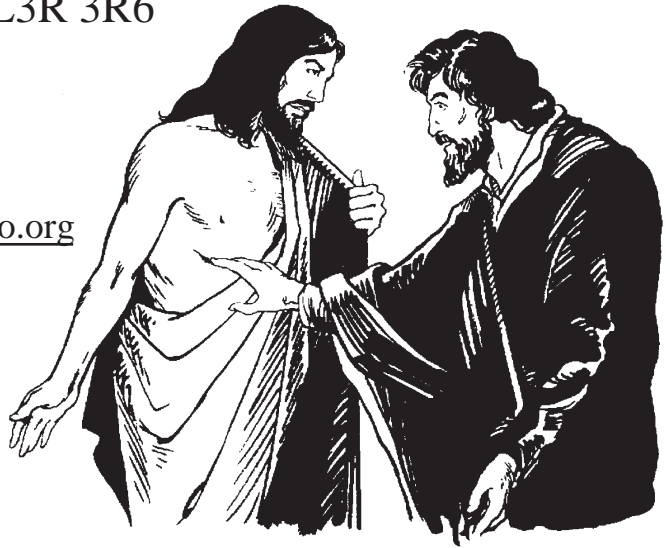
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
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 January 9 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Norma Bihis

Monday January 9 7:00 p.m.
+Senia Vera Cruz
(Family)

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

Tuesday January 10 7:00 p.m.
+Delio Iacobelli
(Family)

Wednesday January 11 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,
Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Wednesday January 11 7:00 p.m.
+Phillip Edmund

Thursday January 12 12:10 p.m.
Personal Intentions and Thanksgiving
(MaryLou Papa)

Thursday January 12 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 13 12:10 p.m.
+Father William Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Friday January 13 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday January 14 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
the Fernandes Family

Saturday January 14 5:00 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz
(Ramsay Family)

Sunday January 15 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday January 15 10:00 a.m.
+Filemeno Tavares
(Family)

Sunday January 15 12:10 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2023

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, Liza Chan and William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Lucas Fernandes, Anthony Fernandes

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Anthony Pantaleo, Stanley Corkum, Joe Molinari and for those who have no one to pray for them.

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His Mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God as us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother sister, ccontact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto “oat 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Students at St. Benedict and St. Francis Xavier Schools have received their registration forms. If your child does not go to these Schools, please come to the parish office and pick up a registration form. Registration forms have to be handed in, along with a photocopy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate and \$35.00 to cover the cost of the catechism book. Holy Communion will take place June 10 at 5:00 p.m. or June 11 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

MEETING FOR THE PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS NEXT WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

The First class for Confirmation is Saturday January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Large Hall

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.

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Goal 50,000.00 Including tiles, we have collected **\$72,102.70** Pledges **\$11,865.00** For a total of **\$83,967.70** **Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund.**

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 (3,240.00 (paid so far)

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$10,472.65 (Weekly - December 25, 2022)

We received, \$9,916.25 (Christmas – December 25, 2022)

We received, \$5,568.65 (January 1, 2023)

(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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do Him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod..." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and Journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of His divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including His Birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His Baptism by John, and His first miracle at Cana.

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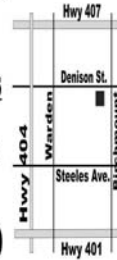
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