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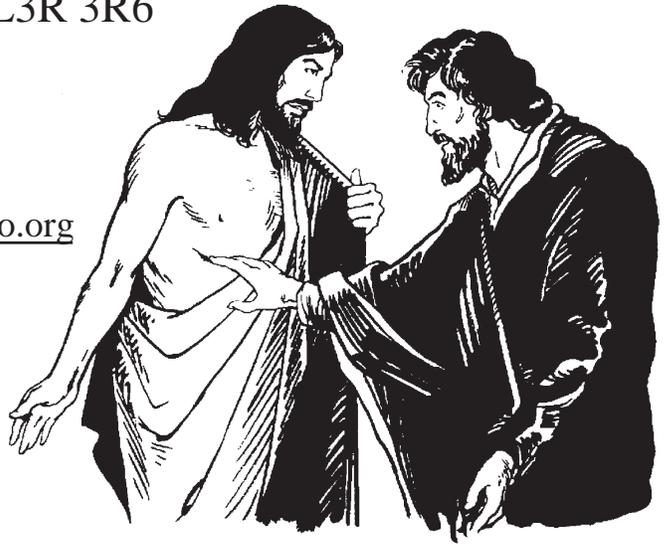
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

Part Time Secretary (Thursdays) - Maureen Daunt

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

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Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
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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	Neil Ishmael	905-477-3129
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PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday January 30 12:10 p.m.

+Anthony Tang
(Seck Family)

Monday January 30 7:00 p.m.

+Angela Ferri
(Family)

Tuesday January 31 12:10 p.m.

+Miguel Francisco
(Family)

Tuesday January 31 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of
George Ah-Chong and Family
(Patricia Chong Ah-Yan)

Wednesday February 1 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Teresa Mckenna
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Wednesday February 1 7:00 p.m.

Living and deceased members of the
Courchene Family

Thursday February 2 12:10 p.m.

+Raphaella To
(Bernardine Cheung)

Thursday February 2 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday February 3 12:10 p.m.

+Carlos Galindo
(Family)

Friday February 3 7:00 p.m.

For Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday February 4 9:00 a.m.

For the living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their
living and deceased families

(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday February 4 5:00 p.m.

+Corazon and Noe Concepcion
(Family)

Sunday February 5 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday February 5 10:00 a.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Sunday February 5 12:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 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, 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, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Mary Foo, Lynn Demers

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Mary Ann Foscarini, Peter Lee and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: 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.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$5,948.55 (January 22, 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.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

The in-person Lift Jesus Higher Rally is back after 3 years to be held at the Constitution Hall, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The theme “Empowered to Stand” based on 1st Corinthians 16:13 “Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.” Compelling speakers, inspiring personal testimonies, powerful praise and worship music, Divine Mercy celebration, prayer ministry for healing and empowerment, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration and Procession. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins will be the celebrant and homilist at the Mass.

Kindly refer to the Notice Board for further details.

Tickets at 425.00 for the Adult Rally and \$15.00 for the Youth Rally can be had from Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy

Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew’s Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate* or *favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome – and surprising – to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience. Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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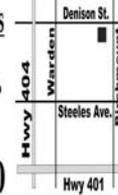
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