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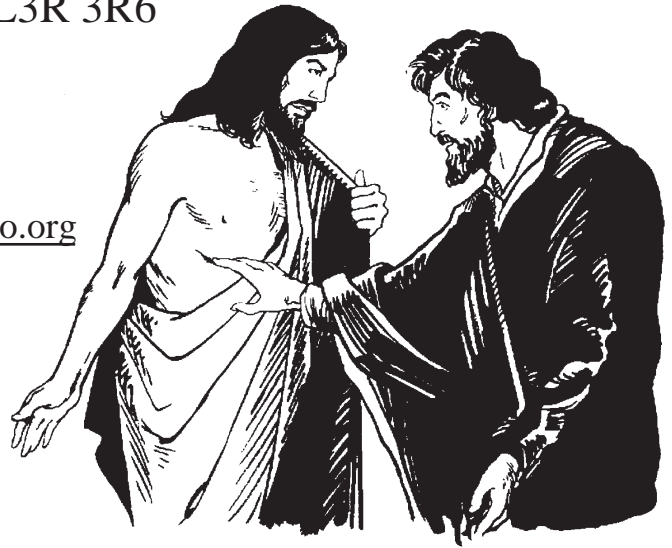
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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PARISH GROUPS

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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 February 20 9:00 a.m.
+Jennifer Jacob
(Jacob Family)

Monday February 20 7:00 p.m.

NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday February 21 12:10 p.m.
+Eileen Logtenberg
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday February 21 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Ash Wednesday February 22 12:10
+Michael Tseng
(Seck Family)

Ash Wednesday February 22 7:00
+Jennifer Jacob
(Pinto Family)

Thursday February 23 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,
Jin Imm Tan

Thursday February 23 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday February 24 12:10 p.m.
+Ruth Pullen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Friday February 24 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of the Genco Family

Saturday February 25 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday February 25 5:00 p.m.
+Lee Voon and Bernadette Ah-Chong
(Family)

Sunday February 26 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday February 26 10:00 a.m.
+Reinaldo Vieira-Ribeiro
(Family)

Sunday February 26 12:00 p.m.
+Thomas Lamb
(Lynch Family)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Mary Foo, Lynn Demers, Edwin Quiambao, Mary Josephine Albert

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Elmo Phillip, Alexandra Emma Giovenco, Alice Lam and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ON HOLIDAY MONDAY (FAMILY DAY)

THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. MASS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

are as usual at 12:10 and 7:00. There will be a free will offering of a “looney or tooney” to begin our Parish ShareLife Campaign. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting from ages 14 – 59 (or later if healthy enough) and no meat.**

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$6,847.20 (February 12, 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.

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER!

Our Newest item to be donated for the Sanctuary is a Sanctuary Lamp \$1,780.02

The total revenue for the Sanctuary as of February 12th is \$85,836.27

A deposit has been given to the company doing our Sanctuary, they have ordered supplies so hopefully SOON!

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 \$25.00 for the Adult Rally and \$15.00 for the Youth Rally can be had from Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks His followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s Kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the Kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no Command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness’.

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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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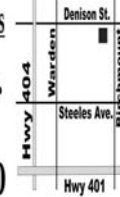
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