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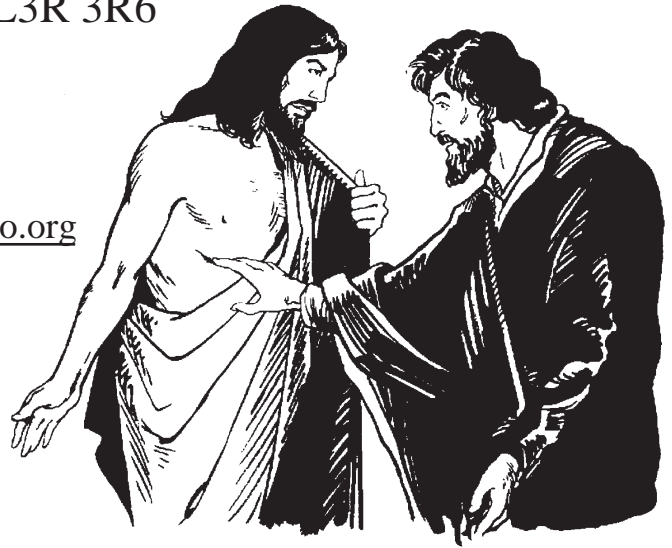
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday March 20 12:10 p.m.**

+Irene Norton  
Agatha

**Monday March 20 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday March 21 12:10 p.m.**

+Helen DiNunno  
(Ver Family)

**Tuesday March 21 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday March 22 12:10 p.m.**

+Peter and Jesuina Fernandes  
(Fernandes Family)

**Wednesday March 22 7:00 p.m.**

Maronite Mass

**Thursday March 23 12:10 p.m.**

Intention of Thomas Barry  
(Rose Family)

**Thursday March 23 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Friday March 24 12:10 p.m.**

+Ruth Pullen and Lawrence Pullen Jr.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Friday March 24 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday March 25 9:00 a.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday March 25 5:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday March 26 8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday March 26 10:00 a.m.**

Thanksgiving Mass  
(Lourdes Merino)

**Sunday March 26 12:00 p.m.**

+David Cloutier  
(Family)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY MARCH 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, Betty Chan and William Yung

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 19, 2023

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL – DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

**Catholic Women’s Conference on Saturday March 25, 2023**

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## Speakers and Topics:

**Sister Deirdre Byrne**

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

**Dr. Josephine Lombardi**

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**MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH, VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE SMALL HALL. (Until the Sanctuary is finished.)**

## PARISH OFFERTORY

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

**We received, \$5,726,57 (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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

***Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41***

***Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals Himself to him as the Son of Man.***

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of His time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness – his own or his parents.' Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension – through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the Law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals Himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be His disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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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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