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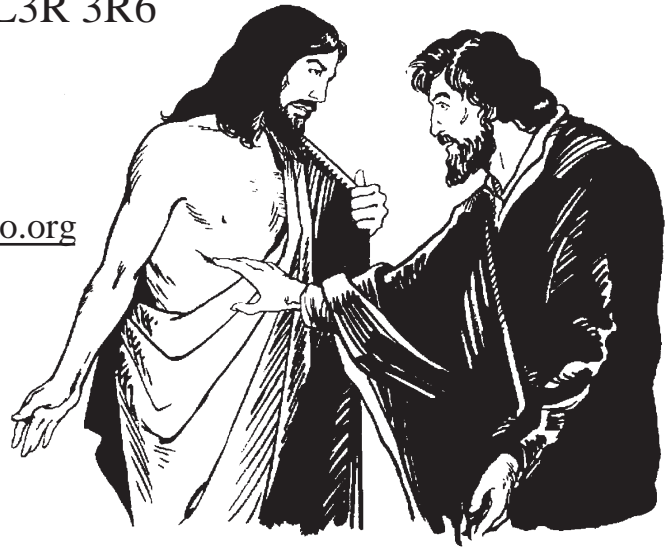
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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
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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

**Monday April 24 12:10 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Norm and Myla Martinez on their  
Wedding Anniversary

**Monday April 24 7:00 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Fidelis Morelli

**Tuesday April 25 12:10 p.m.**  
+Sister Pushpica Coutinho  
(Rita Coutinho)

**Tuesday April 25 7:00 p.m.**  
+Louisa D'Souza  
(Family)

**Wednesday April 26 12:10 p.m.**  
+Msgr. Gerard Breen  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Wednesday April 26 7:00 p.m.**  
+Carmen S. Tiongson  
(Tiongson Family)

**Thursday April 27 12:10 p.m.**  
+Anna Starkiewicz  
(Ramsay Family)

**Thursday April 27 7:00 p.m.**  
+Terry Chou  
(Family)

**Friday April 28 12:10 p.m.**  
+Magdeline Ng  
(Cheng Family)

**Friday April 28 7:00 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the  
Intentions of Priscilla Muere

**Saturday April 29 9:00 a.m.**  
For the Conversion of Sinners in Honour  
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday April 29 5:00 p.m.**  
+Bonnie Ho  
(Family)

**Sunday April 30 8:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday April 30 10:00 a.m.**  
+Andoy and Ligaya Redoblado  
(Family)

**Sunday April 30 12:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**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, William Yung and Agnes Yuen

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Joseph Yim Wing Chan, Paul Chiu, Clara Rodrigues, Gerry Chou and for those who have no one to pray for them.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in His presence? How are you being called – as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. 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)

### HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

On the weekend of 22 – 23 April, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing “Handicraft holy Land Christians”, who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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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: \$7,593.24 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.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

#### **Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35**

#### JESUS APPEARS TO TWO DISCIPLES WHO ARE WALKING TO EMMAUS.

On most Sundays during the Easter Season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with Him at some length yet not recognize Him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus Himself approaches the two men, but they take Him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding His crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers His own interpretation of His crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word – what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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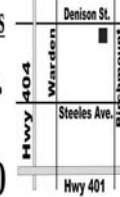
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