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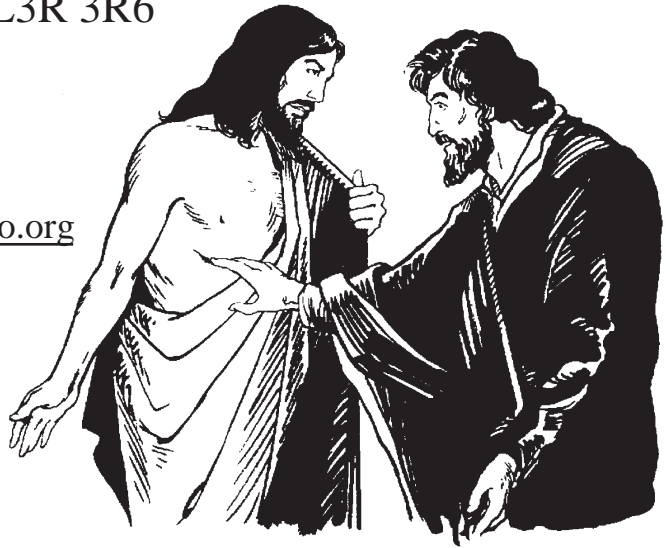
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
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

**Monday May 29 12:10 p.m.**

+Maximo Bulaon

(Tiongson and Bulaon Families)

**Monday May 29 7:00 p.m.**

+Terry Chou

(Family)

**Tuesday May 30 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Claudine and Wade Mak

(Patricia Chong-Ah-Yan)

**Tuesday May 30 7:00 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of

Jefferson and Giovanna Tse

(Family)

**Wednesday May 31 12:10 p.m.**

+Joseph Xavier

(Cynthia)

**Wednesday May 31 7:00 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of

Jefferson Tse

(Family)

**Thursday June 1 12:10 p.m.**

+Rosemary Prowse

(Molly McLeod)

**Thursday June 1 7:00 p.m.**

+Santiago

(Cynthia)

**Friday June 2 12:10 p.m.**

+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin

Imm Tan

(Tan Family)

**Friday June 2 7:00 p.m.**

For Vocations

**Saturday June 3 9:00 a.m.**

Living and deceased Sisters of the

Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their

living and deceased families.

(Jackie Mackenzie)

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

+Juanito and Lily Alejandria

(Family)

**Sunday May 28 8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday May 28 10:00 a.m.**

+Francis Tavares

(Family)

**Sunday May 28 12:00 p.m.**

Intentions for Sofia Ali

## PENTECOST SUNDAY SUNDAY MAY 28, 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, William Yung, Agnes Yuen, Rowena Poon and Emilia Cabral

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Aida Papa, Patricia Philip and for those who have no one to pray for them.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, 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)

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**[stthomastheapostle@bellnet](mailto:stthomastheapostle@bellnet)  
is no longer functioning.**

### OUR SENIOR'S GROUP, OASIS MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AFTER THE NOON MASS

for a little something for the **mind** (socialize with like minded people), **body** (physical exercises) and **soul** (Rosary and/or Divine Mercy chaplets), Join us from 1:00 to 3:00 for more information contact us at [oasis.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:oasis.stthomas@gmail.com)

## PARISH OFFERTORY

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

**We received: \$ 6,139.73 (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.

## ALL PARISH MINISTRIES INVITE YOU TO A PASTA DINNER

and entertainment on Saturday 17 June after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the large hall. Adults \$10.00 Children 3 to 10 years \$5.00. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Happy hour (bring your own refreshments) Comedy hours, Karaoke, Line dancing, any talent you have to show. 8:00 p.m. – Pasta dinner. 8:00 p.m. onwards entertainment to continue. For tickets call or text John 416-828-9711 and Les 905-479

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### **Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23**

### JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES AND GIVES THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after His death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His disciples a helper, and advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the *Second Sunday of Easter* this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situation of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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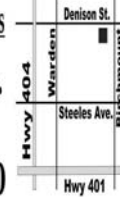
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