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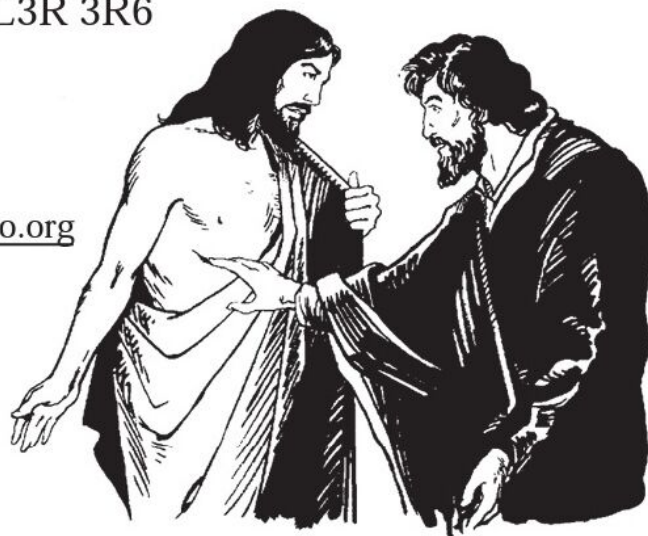
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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 July 17** 12:10 p.m.
+Jemmy Tan Siew Hoon
(Pearlie and Molly Tan)
- Monday July 17** 7:00 p.m.
+Josef Greif and Michael Haga
(Family)
- Tuesday July 18** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Virginia and J.P. Chan
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)
- Tuesday July 18** 7:00 p.m.
Living and deceased members of the
Giovenco Family
- Wednesday July 19** 12:10 p.m.
+Olga D’Rosario
(Atkins Family)
- Wednesday July 19** 7:00 p.m.
+Olimpio Pena
(Teresa Dadula and Family)
- Thursday July 20** 12:10 p.m.
Deceased Members
of the McKenna Family
- Thursday July 20** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Friday July 21** 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,
Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)
- Friday July 21** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday July 22** 9:00 a.m.
+Olimpio Pena
(Bert Yap and Family)
- Saturday July 22** 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Thomas and
Johnson Families
(Daunt Family)
- Sunday July 23** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday July 23** 10:00 a.m.
Intentions of Angelyn, Christine,
Corazon, and William Ah-Chong
(JP and Virginia Chan)
- Sunday July 23** 12:00 p.m.
+Feliciana Cruz Medina
(Family)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 16, 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, Emilia Cabral, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Carmelina Competiello and Maryann Redoblado

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



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE FATHER PATRICK’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SO SPECIAL!

Thank you to our Sisters (the daughters of St. Mary of Leuca) for decorating the hall and Sanctuary so beautifully, assisted by Cecile Garel who helped in many ways. Thank you to Father Patrick’s sister-in-law, Bernadette who ordered, picked up delivered the food with help from her nieces Anne and Mercy and her nephew Shamendra. To Pete and

Teresa Fernandes, Larry Dean, KOC, Maryanne Patel, all who served the food and all who helped in any way to make this celebration come together beautifully, thank you!

To all who attended and showed their appreciation to Father Patrick for his many faithful years, God’s Blessings!!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let anyone with ears listen! Do you hear God’s call for you in your life? Have you considered the way of loving called “priesthood”, “diaconate” or “religious life”? If God is calling you contact: Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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Our goal is \$107,000.00. We have raised \$77,001.76.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$9,809.58 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO INVITES

...all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the [Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed](#) on Wednesday August 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga (Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery if raining)
Mass by Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham (Mass in the Reception Center at the Cemetery if raining)
Mass by Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill (Mass at Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross if raining)
Mass by Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto (Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Ave., Toronto if raining)
Mass by Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge (St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery if raining)
Mass by Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby (Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum if raining)
Mass by Rev. Fr. Dominic Barber

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie (St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street in Barrie if raining)
Rev. Fr. Laurence J. Leger

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:1-23

JESUS TEACH THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE SEED THAT HAS BEEN SOWN ON GOOD SOIL.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for His listeners what He means by the Kingdom of Heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower, which appears rather straightforward – of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains His use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that He uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium-the parable-models the point of the parable of the Sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the Sower to His disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the Kingdom of Heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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