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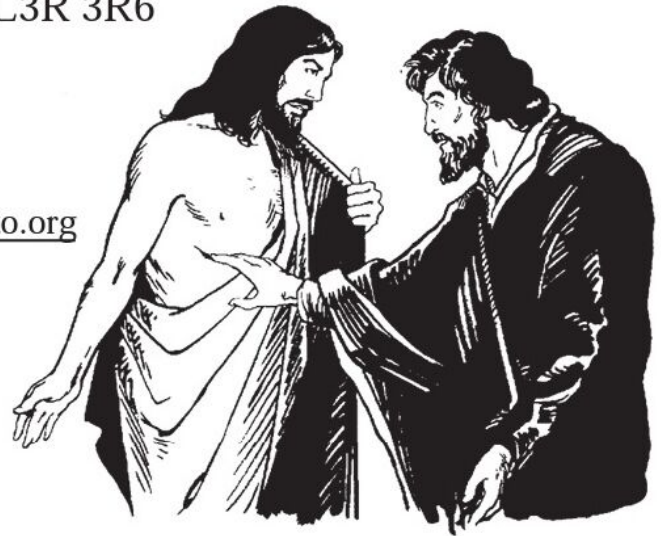
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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 24** 12:10 p.m.
+Mr. John Chiu
(Jefferson Tse)
- Monday July 24** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Alan and William Lee Ah-Chong
(Patricia Chong-Ah-Yan)
- Tuesday July 25** 12:10 p.m.
Mrs. Shui-Chu Tse
(Jefferson Tse)
- Tuesday July 25** 7:00 p.m.
+Alfred Moo Choy
(Alicia)
- Wednesday July 26** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Marie and Joseph Lee-Chai-Pin
(Virginie and JP Chan)
- Wednesday July 26** 7:00 p.m.
+Edward Lopes
(Fernandez Family)
- Thursday July 27** 12:10 p.m.
+Gino Ricci
(LeDonne Family)
- Thursday July 27** 7:00 p.m.
+Olimpio Pena
(Isabel Frias and Family)
- Friday July 28** 12:10 p.m.
+Glenville and Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)
- Friday July 28** 7:00 p.m.
+Sivayogan Rajaratnam
(Family)
- Saturday July 29** 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday July 29** 5:00 p.m.
+Andrew Cheng
(Cheng Family)
- Sunday July 30** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday July 30** 10:00 a.m.
+Lee Voon Ah-Chong
(Virginia and JP Chan)
- Sunday July 30** 12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Juliet Thambiah
(Family)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 23, 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, and Maryann Redoblado

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you, to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.**

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

SHARELIFE – JULY 23, 2023

Support our seniors through ShareLife.

[Society of Sharing](#) is one of the agencies you support through your generous donations to [ShareLife](#). They serve our isolated, housebound, and lonely seniors in Toronto.

Society of Sharing does not charge for services, and it provides our seniors with assistance through your donations to ShareLife.

For our seniors, please give generously at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through our parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.

Our goal is \$107,000.00. We have raised \$77,603.85

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received: \$6,520.68 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

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.

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30

JESUS OFFERS PARABLES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND EXPLAINS THEM TO HIS DISCIPLES.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the Sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed-the smallest of all seeds-will become a large bush, so too God will bring His Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of His Kingdom. In each case the image is the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the Sower, we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat, final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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