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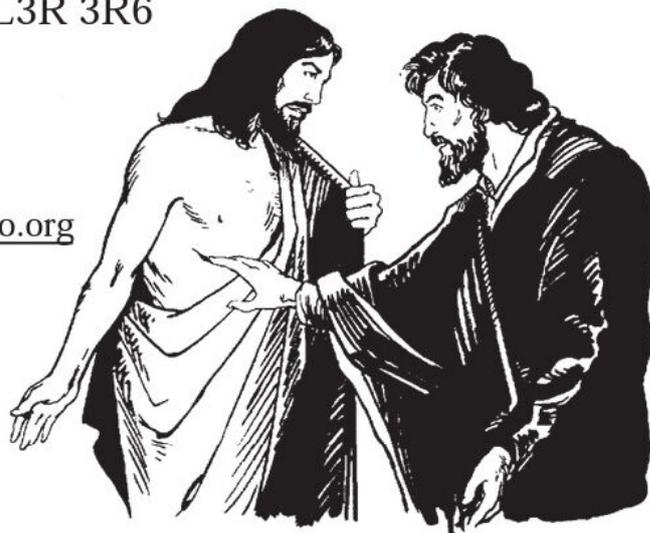
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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PARISH GROUPS

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PARISH MUSICIANS

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 INTENTIONS

- Monday July 31** 12:10 p.m.
+Joseph Pereira
(Sequeira Family)
- Monday July 31** 7:00 p.m.
+Mina Lopes
(Fernandez Family)
- Tuesday August 1** 12:10 p.m.
+Glenville and Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)
- Tuesday August 1** 7:00 p.m.
Holy Souls
(Alicia)
- Wednesday August 2** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Wednesday August 2** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Brigid Begley
(Lynch Family)
- Thursday August 3** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Father Allyn Rose on his Birthday
(Jefferson Tse)
- Thursday August 3** 7:00 p.m.
+Carmelina Competiello
(Chiu Family)
- Friday August 4** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Rex and Margaret Tse
(Jefferson Tse)
- Friday August 4** 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Deacon Everis and Curtis Munroe on
their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Saturday August 5** 9:00 a.m.
For the Living and deceased Sisters of
the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and
their living and deceased Families
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday August 5** 5:00 p.m.
+Gregory Tan Teik Leong
(Tan Family)
- Sunday August 6** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday August 6** 10:00 a.m.
Living and deceased Member of the
McKenna Family
- Sunday August 6** 12:00 p.m.
+Solomon Lagunzad Vivero
(Family)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 30, 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, Maryann Redoblado and Sapphire Chow

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Lawrence J. Dugo, Sister Margaret Mary Griffth, David Vincent Curtis and for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF AUGUST

Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will follow the evening mass until Benediction at 11:45.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...” Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. Of God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

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

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received: \$6,108.83 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

SHARELIFE – JULY 30, 2023

Work together for good through ShareLife

The second reading tells us that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

He is calling us to live our lives as disciples, and we can do so by sharing what we can with those who need it the most. Through ShareLife, we can reach out to the most vulnerable in our communities and those who continue to suffer around the world.

Please give 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 \$79,283.85

CO-OP MISSION SUNDAY

On behalf of the [Congregation of the Holy Cross](#), I thank all the members of the St. Thomas parish for your gracious welcome for this year's Mission Preaching. As a missionary myself, working in the Northeastern Region of India (Near Burma and Bangladesh Border), I can assure you that your prayers and support always reaches to those who proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God. As a province of Holy Cross, we are now 78 priests, who are engaged in the Mission works in the parishes, schools, and hospitals. This year your contribution will help to support the recent refugees who come from Burma and Bangladesh to seek shelter, schooling and survive from the harsh realities of life. Thank you for your generous support towards the missionary works of the Holy Cross Congregation.

Regards,

Fr. Sojan Augustine CSC

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:44-52** **JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus' teaching crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of His teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the Sower heard in last week's Gospel. The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the Kingdom of Heaven. He a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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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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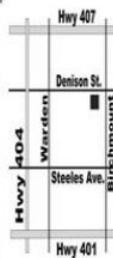
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