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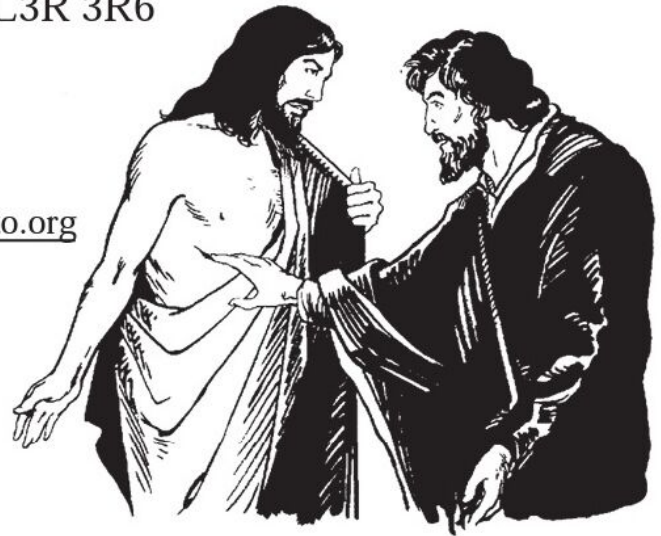
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

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Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

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St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 7 9:00 a.m.
+Benedict Thomas
(Family)

Monday August 7 7:00 p.m.
NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday August 8 12:10 p.m.
+Bonnie Ho
(Family)

Tuesday August 8 7:00 p.m.
+Benedict Thomas
(Family)

Wednesday August 9 12:10 p.m.
+Cardinal L. T. Picachy
(Sunu)

Wednesday August 9 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of the Genco Family
(Family)

Thursday August 10 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Patricia and Paul Chong-Ah-Yan
(Virginie and JP Chan)

Thursday August 10 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday August 11 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim
and Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Friday August 11 7:00 p.m.
For Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday August 12 9:00 a.m.
+Agnes Yu
(Family)

Saturday August 12 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the
Lim-Chai-Yam Family
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday August 13 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday August 13 10:00 a.m.
+Lizette Wong-Chan-Chuk-Yin
(Virginie and JP Chan)

Sunday August 13 12:00 p.m.
+Mohan Rajendra
(Family)

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 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, Cely Chichioco, Sapphire Chow, Veronica Samall and Annette McIntosh

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

**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY
(CIVIC HOLIDAY, AUGUST 7TH)
THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.**

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received: \$5,703.47 (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.

MARTYRS' SHRINE



An invitation to those interested in a pilgrimage to [Martyrs' Shrine](#) on Saturday August 26. Tickets cost \$35.00 per person. Pilgrimage will go ahead if there is enough interest, if not it will be rescheduled. Tickets will be on sale August 5/6.

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNTAIN IN THE PRESENCE OF PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN

Today's Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This Feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this Feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts His Passion.

In each of these Gospels a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration. Each Gospel, Jesus takes three of His disciples – Peter, James, and John – to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the peoples of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "My Beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to Him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what He meant by being "raised for the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see and anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

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