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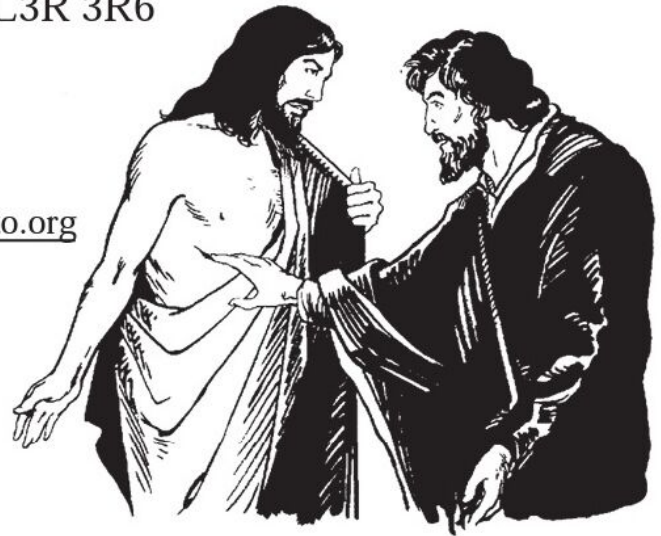
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
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### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday September 4** 9:00 a.m.  
+Patricia Gonsalves

(Figueira and Henriques Families)

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Tuesday September 5** 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family

+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)

**Tuesday September 5** 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday September 6** 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Kimberly Lefko

**Wednesday September 6** 7:00 p.m.

+Margaret Stroub

(Genco Family)

**Thursday September 7** 12:10 p.m.

+Rosalind Tan Jin Imm

(Tan Family)

**Thursday September 7** 7:00 p.m.

+Nuen-Ying Kwan

(Yu Family)

**Friday September 8** 12:10 p.m.

+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,

Jin Imm Tan

(Tan Family)

**Friday September 8** 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday September 9** 9:00 a.m.

+Mathew Joseph Pereira

(Tony Pereira and Family)

**Saturday September 9** 5:00 p.m.

+Tina Goud

(Atkins Family)

**Sunday September 10** 8:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Gina and Mike Creta on their 40<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday September 10** 10:00 a.m.

Living and deceased members of the

Espada and Talebian Families

**Sunday September 10** 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

## **TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** 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, Veronica Small, Annette McIntosh, Meadow Mahorn, Kevin Ramoutar, Benedict Maraj and Lucas Fernandes.

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Sapphire Chow, Frank Doyle, Eric Maddan and for those who have no one to pray for them.

**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>)**

**THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.**

### **RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS**

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Juliette at 416-302-1823. Classes start in October.

### **ATTENTION STUDENTS**

Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit [chaplaincyconnect.ca](http://chaplaincyconnect.ca) to check out campus ministry on your campus!

### **CELEBRATION OF ST. MICHAEL AND CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM UPON THE MOST REVEREND FRANCIS LEO**

**Friday September 29, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. -**

**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrated the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:40 p.m. at [St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica](http://St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica) (65 Bond Street) Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Reverend Ivan Jurkovic will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd of the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

## **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$5,829.22 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

**LIVING ROSARY – SEPTEMBER 8TH OUR LADY’S BIRTHDAY – 6:30 – 7:00 P.M.**

**OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** will begin the weekend of September 8/9 and end Thanksgiving weekend October 7/8. Food donations can be dropped off just outside the downstairs washrooms. Donations requested: tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup and stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard, beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals, peanut butter. Thank you for your generosity.

### **THE 109<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

This occasion will be marked with the celebration of Mass, which will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration, located at 10350 Victoria Square Blvd. in Markham. Monsignor Makarios Wehbi will preside, and Bishop John Boissoneau will be the homilist. A short program will follow. All are welcome.

### **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27**

*Jesus speaks of His Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.*

Today’s Gospel continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build His Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitation of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of His ministry: He must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in His way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach His disciples that He would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of His Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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### **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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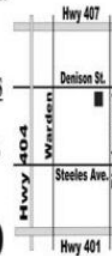
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