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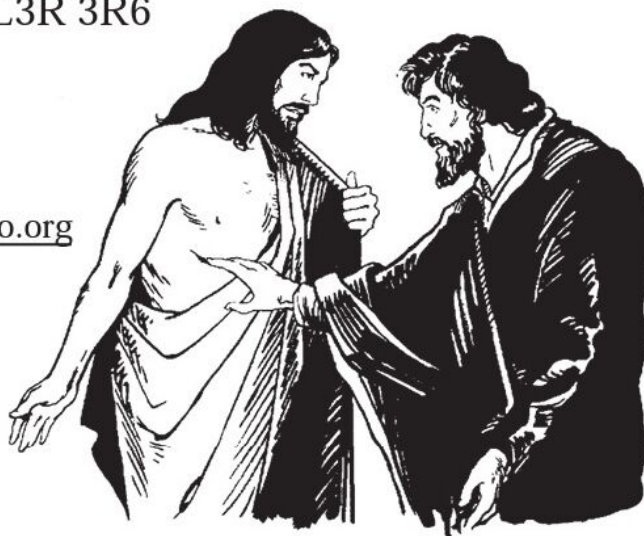
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office
in the event of serious illness.

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SCHOOLS

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Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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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 September 18 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Andy and Jean Pucyk on their 49th
wedding anniversary

Monday September 18 7:00 p.m.
+Agrpina Albana Frialde
(Family)

Tuesday September 19 12:10 p.m.
+Alvin Smith
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday September 19 7:00 p.m.
+Antonie Nolasco
(Allan Dinglasan)

Wednesday September 20 12:10 p.m.
+Lawrence Cheng
(Cheng Family)

Wednesday September 20 7:00 p.m.
+William Sy
(Pinto Family)

Thursday September 21 12:10 p.m.
+Mei-Lan Leung
(Yu Family)

Thursday September 21 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Agnes and Richard Lai-Cheong Family
(Patricia Chong-Ah-Yan)

Friday September 22 12:10 p.m.
+Stephen and Patty Wong
(Margaret Tse)

Friday September 22 7:00 p.m.
Maronite Mass

Saturday September 23 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Mersly and Subashini on
their Wedding Anniversary

Saturday September 23 5:00 p.m.
+Doreen Thambirajah
(Family)

Sunday September 24 8:00 a.m.
+Dicky and Dagmar Rode
(Family)

Sunday September 24 10:00 a.m.
+Andoy and Lismya Redoblado
(Family)

Sunday September 24 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 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: Ron Schaffhuber, Aliette Campbell and Harry Hodson, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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.

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](#) (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

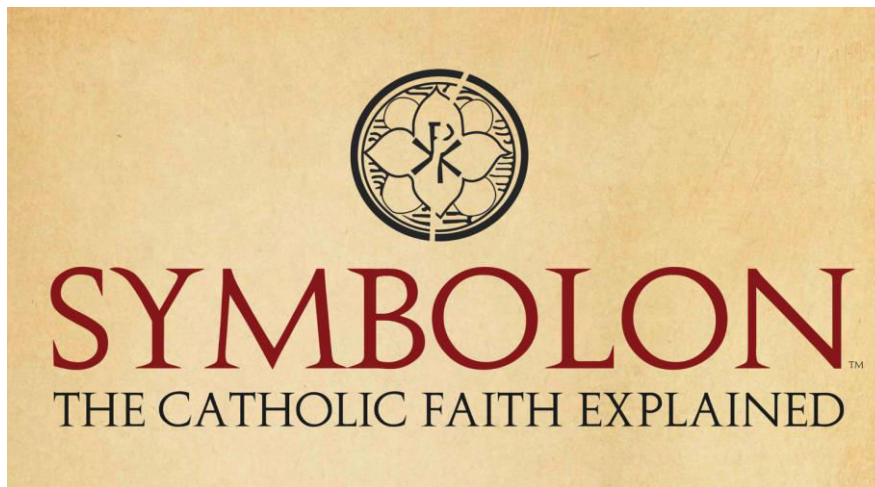
**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$7,068.57
(Includes PAG, Donate Now, etc.).**

THE 109th 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.



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.

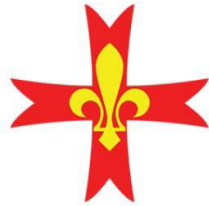


SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED

In time for Christmas, we are launching SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith explained. Part 1: Knowing the Faith. Part 2: Living the Faith. Join in fellowship every Tuesday starting 10th of October. 10 sessions to conclude 11 December. Each session is 90 minutes. You don't have to attend all the sessions. For more information: contact Les Rodrigues 905-479-6023.

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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OUR FNE EXPLORER GROUP IS BASED HERE AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

FNE has limited openings for Wednesday night Boys Timberwolf Den for boys in grades 3 to 6. Please visit their website at www.fneexplorers.com for more information. Email us at fne.york.toronto@gmail.com or contact Paul Ritchi at 416-435-6593 to learn more.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of His initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy, he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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....will collect your donations on September 16 – 17, 2023. We collect clothes, shoes, boots, blankets, sheets, towels, etc.

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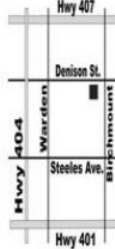
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