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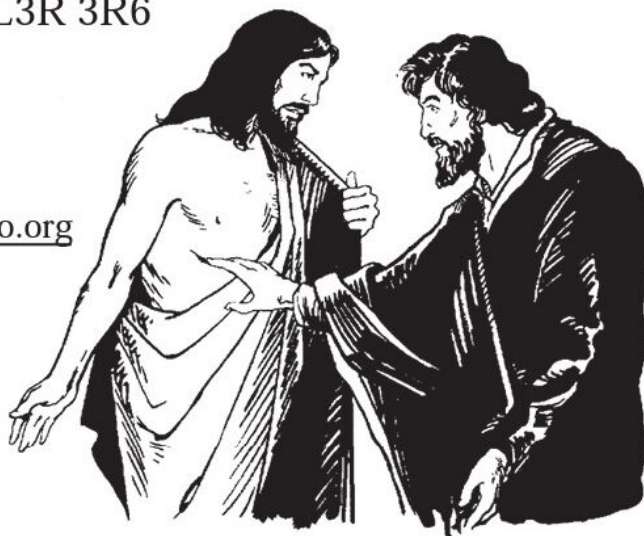
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

## "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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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
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FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday September 25** 12:10 p.m.  
+Marie Smith  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Monday September 25** 7:00 p.m.  
+Victoria Cortez  
(Zamora Family)

**Tuesday September 26** 12:10 p.m.  
+Misalina Colinares  
(John and Yoke Seck)

**Tuesday September 26** 7:00 p.m.  
+Alfred Moo Choy  
(Alicia)

**Wednesday September 27** 12:10 p.m.  
+Misalina Colinares  
(John and Yoke Seck)

**Wednesday September 27** 7:00 p.m.  
+Jerome Li  
(Shu Family)

**Thursday September 28** 12:10 p.m.  
+Agnes D'Sa  
(D'Souza Family)

**Thursday September 28** 7:00 p.m.  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
(Theresa Xue)

**Friday September 29** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of  
Crystal McTaggart on her Birthday  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Friday September 29** 7:00 p.m.  
+Hing-Lan Maria Leung  
(Family)

**Saturday September 30** 9:00 a.m.  
+Ramon Malantic  
(Allan Dinglasan)

**Saturday September 30** 5:00 p.m.  
+Osemond Stanley  
(Family)

**Sunday October 1** 8:00 a.m.  
Intentions of David Jose

**Sunday October 1** 10:00 a.m.  
+Yanish Prakash  
(Fernandez Family)

**Sunday October 1** 12:00 p.m.  
For the People of the Parish

## **TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 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:** Lucas Fernandes, 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**

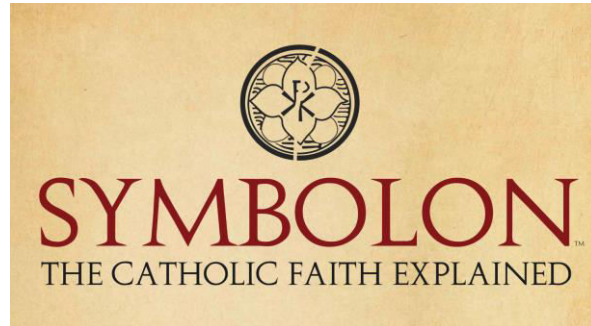
**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$5,599.11  
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).**

### **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.



**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**

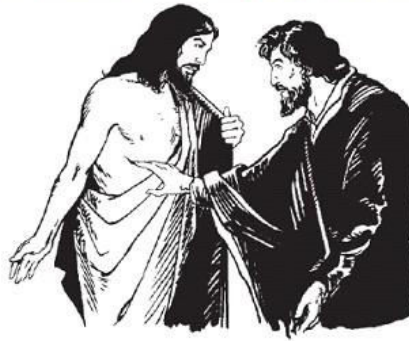
In time for Christmas, we are launching SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith explained. Part 1: Knowing the Faith. Part 2: Living the Faith. Join in fellowship every Tuesday starting 10<sup>th</sup> of October. 10 sessions to conclude 11 December. Each session is 90 minutes. You don't have to attend all the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



### **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](http://www.fneexplorers.com) for more information. Email us at [fne.york.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:fne.york.toronto@gmail.com) or contact Paul Ritchi at 416-435-6593 to learn more.

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*“Dominus meus et Deus meus”*



### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEN'S GROUP

....will be starting in our Parish the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Commencement Date: Saturday October 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church Basement Hall. Registration will be on Saturday September 30th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday October 1st at the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon Masses. Contact person: Lloyd Mascarenhas, Cell: 647-461-2464, Email: [dyoll75@hotmail.com](mailto:dyoll75@hotmail.com)

### TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**

*In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where He is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow Him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, He offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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