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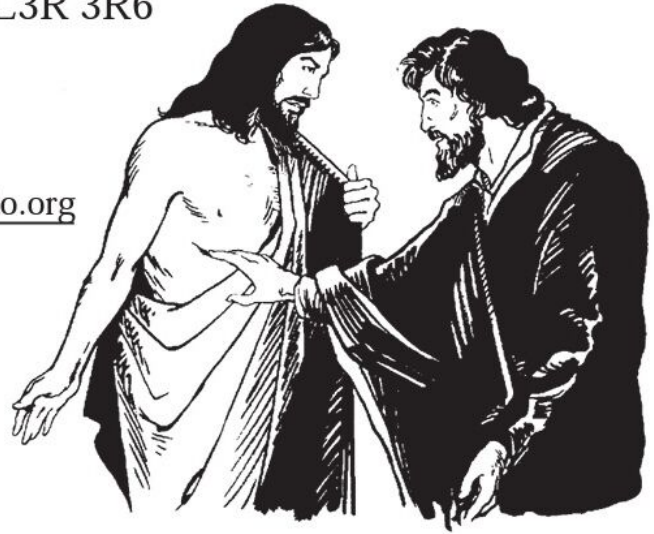
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: Office Closed

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

Part Time Secretaries: Maureen Daunt, Mary Carbery

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

St. Benedict	905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
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FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday October 16** 12:10 p.m.
+Adele Rolluqui
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Monday October 16** 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Mass
(Theresa Xue)
- Tuesday October 17** 12:10 p.m.
Thanksgiving Mass
(Michael D'Souza and Family)
- Tuesday October 17** 7:00 p.m.
+Anthony and Grace Morelli
(Family)
- Wednesday October 18** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Lefanta Antonippilla
- Wednesday October 18** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping
- Thursday October 19** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Nina Zdybal and Family
(Patricia Chong-Ah-Yan)
- Thursday October 19** 7:00 p.m.
+Marina Moss
(Pat Stuart)
- Friday October 20** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Tina Nicholas and Dane D'Souza
(Merle Menezes)
- Friday October 20** 7:00 p.m.
+Senia Veracruz
(Family)
- Saturday October 21** 9:00 a.m.
+Carmen Jose
- Saturday October 21** 5:00 p.m.
+Lilia Tiongson
(Family)
- Sunday October 22** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday October 22** 10:00 a.m.
+Tomy Luiz
(Family)
- Sunday October 22** 12:00 p.m.
+Maria Agustin
(Family)

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, 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, Veronica Small, Annette McIntosh, Kevin Ramoutar, Benedict Maraj and Mimi Borromeo, Erlinda Petfield, William McCavery, Ching Lan, Elsie Lin, Chiu Jung Lin

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Purificacion Gimena, Margaret Carter, Giovanna Costantino, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



REGISTRATION PACKAGES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For students in Grades 7 and up are available in the parish office. Students of St. Francis Xavier and St. Benedict will receive the registration package through their school.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE NATIONS

Next Sunday there will be a collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as [World Mission Sunday](#). This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and diocese. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support of this important work.*



RE: SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate stocks, mutual funds, and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others.

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- *How to Gift Securities Info Sheet*
- *Letter of Direction*

To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on **December 21, 2023**.

Either via email to development@archtoronto.org or by fax at 416-934-3412. For more information, contact our office at stthomastheapostlema@archtoronto.org or 905-474-1224.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$6,255.47 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).



PARENT LIAISON TO THE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

We are looking for a parent from each of the schools – St. Benedict and St. Francis who have a child currently enrolled in the school to act as a parent liaison to the school parent council. Anyone who is interested can contact the parish office: 905-474-1224.

SHARELIFE: COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, [ShareLife](#) has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of [our parish's ShareLife Campaign](#) will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised \$83,078.85 (includes what was sent to the Diocese) towards our suggested goal of \$107,000.00 Please support our fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](#) or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading - Matthew: 22:1-14

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a Wedding Feast.

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus offers an image of the Kingdom of Heaven using the symbol of a Wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind help us to understand critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The King dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the Wedding Feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to His Feast, giving us His salvation. Yet He asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the Kingdom of Heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of His mercy.

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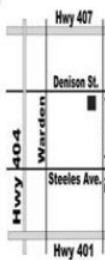
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