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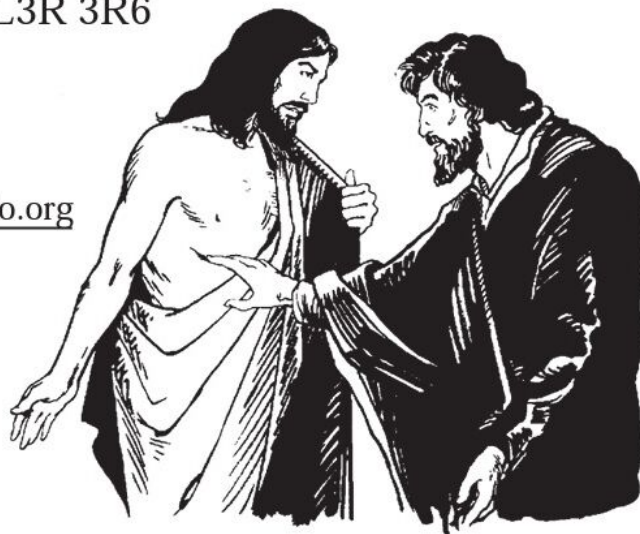
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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 October 30** **12:10 p.m.**
+Gary Zenarosa
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Monday October 30** **7:00 p.m.**
+Lenie De LaDiente
(Marisa De Souza)
- Tuesday October 31** **12:10 p.m.**
+Edilberto Sarmiento
(Family)
- Tuesday October 31** **7:00 p.m.**
+Christopher Chiu
(Family)
- Wednesday November 1** **12:10 p.m.**
All Saints Day – For the People
- Wednesday November 1** **7:00 p.m.**
All Saints Day – For the People
- Thursday November 2** **6:30 a.m.**
All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday November 2** **12:10 p.m.**
All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday November 2** **7:00 p.m.**
All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory
- Friday November 3** **12:10 p.m.**
Holy Souls
(Pat Stuart)
- Friday November 3** **7:00 p.m.**
Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday November 4** **9:00 a.m.**
Living and Deceased Daughters of the
Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families.
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday November 4** **5:00 p.m.**
+Gloria L. Chin
(Family)
- Sunday November 5** **8:00 a.m.**
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday November 5** **10:00 a.m.**
+Elizabeth Vieira-Ribeiro
- Sunday November 5** **12:00 p.m.**
+Shiu-Kai Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 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: Al Andrade and for those who have no one to pray for.



THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER (NOVEMBER 3rd)

Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.



Almighty God,
by the mystery of the cross,
you have made us strong.
By the sacrament of the resurrection,
you have sealed us as your own.
Look kindly upon your servants
now freed from the bonds of mortality,
and count them among
your saints in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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**ON ALL SOULS DAY (THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2nd)
THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL MASS AT 6:30 A.M.
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO ATTEND MASS BEFORE
WORK.**



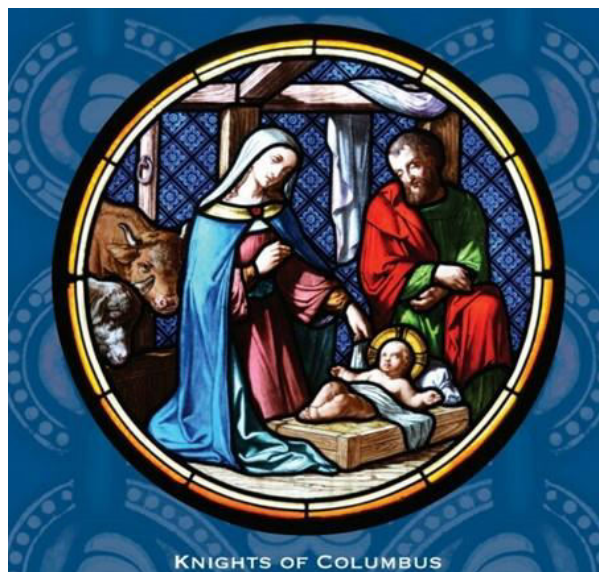
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul are requesting donations for the increase of families who are in need. Thank you for all who support the St. Vincent de Paul.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4, 2023. DST ends Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2 am. [Link to more information on DST here.](#)



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SELLING CHRISTMAS CARDS AFTER ALL MASSES



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.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$6,261.92 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).



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.



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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- *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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel of last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick Him into saying something that might get Him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-23). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is expression of faithfulness to God's Covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

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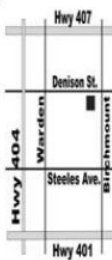
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