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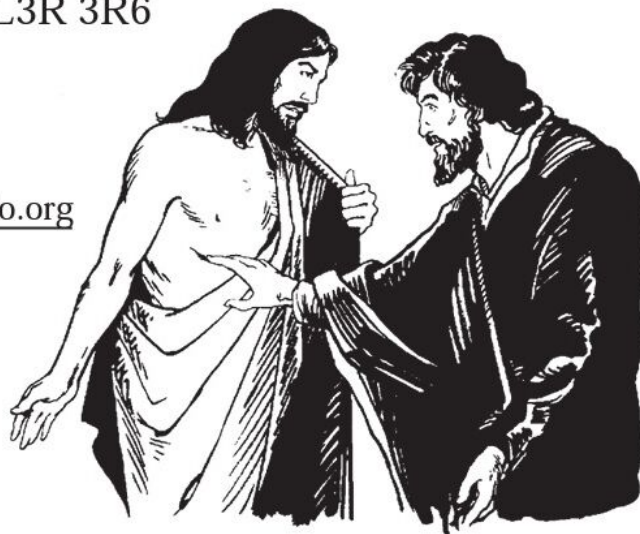
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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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 November 6 12:10 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Mackenzie,
Smith, Gilbou and Goodrow families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Monday November 6 7:00 p.m.
+Elise Bueler
(Bueler Family)

Tuesday November 7 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Tuesday November 7 7:00 p.m.
Holy Souls

Wednesday November 8 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Edith Lee and Family
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Wednesday November 8 7:00 p.m.
+Kazimierz Pucyk
(Family)

Thursday November 9 12:10 p.m.
+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo
(Family)

Thursday November 9 7:00 p.m.
Deceased Legionaries
(Legion of Mary)

Friday November 10 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric,
Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Friday November 10 7:00 p.m.
+Emma Lai Pow
(Family)

Saturday November 11 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory.
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Saturday November 11 5:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Father Patrick on his Birthday.
(Jefferson Tse)

Sunday November 12 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

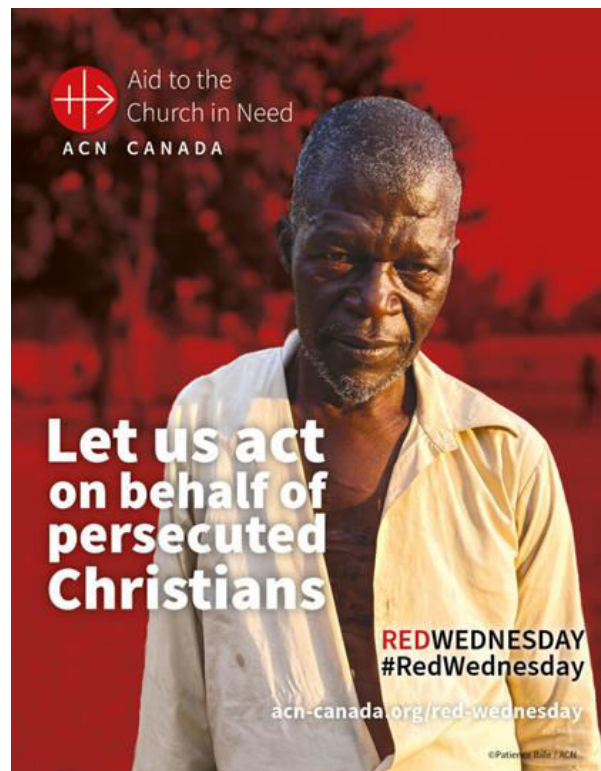
Sunday November 12 10:00 a.m.
+Lizette Wong Chan Chuk Yin
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday November 12 12:00 p.m.
+Marcelino Menezes
(Menezes Family)

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 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, Anthony Small and Maryann Redoblado.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: John Molasso, and for those who have no one to pray for.



ACN CANADA – RED WEDNESDAY

Red Wednesday is an annual international event which will take place on November 15. Together, let's raise awareness about the persecution of Christians and promote religious freedom for all. Be among the ones in your parish to organize and activity. Some ideas include arranging a prayer group, sharing information on social media, lighting up a building in red (or alternatively, wearing red) and attending the Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leon at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. For more information on this not-to-be-missed event and how you can show your support, please visit <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>. Let us stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians!



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.](#)



December 19, 2023

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR THE OASIS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 19 in the parish hall, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Buffet lunch starts at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage. Only water is available. Karaoke, Carol singing, games. Tickets \$20.00 Early bird \$15.00 before November 30th. To reserve your tickets, contact your OASIS member, or email oasis.stthomas@gmail.com or text Les 905-479-6023 or Russell 647-898-6480. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses, December 3 and 4 and 9 and 10. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul.



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.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS TO HALF A DAY OF REFLECTION OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING AND THE ADVENT SEASON

- **Talk 1:** Eschatology – The Four Last Things (Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven) and Christ the King.
- **Talk 2:** The Forgotten Holy Season of Advent.

Speaker: Reverend Joseph Moncada – Director of the Legion of Mary in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Saturday November 18th in the Parish Hall.

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (Celebrated in Church by the parish clergy).
- 9:30 a.m. – Light Breakfast.
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. – Talk 1 (45 Minutes).
- 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Break.
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – Talk 2 (45 Minutes).
- 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Questions on the above talks and Final Blessing.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received \$7,804.27(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).



THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 23:1-12

**Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees,
and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.**

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs His words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing His teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against the places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

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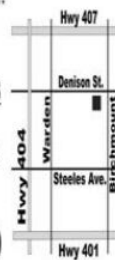
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