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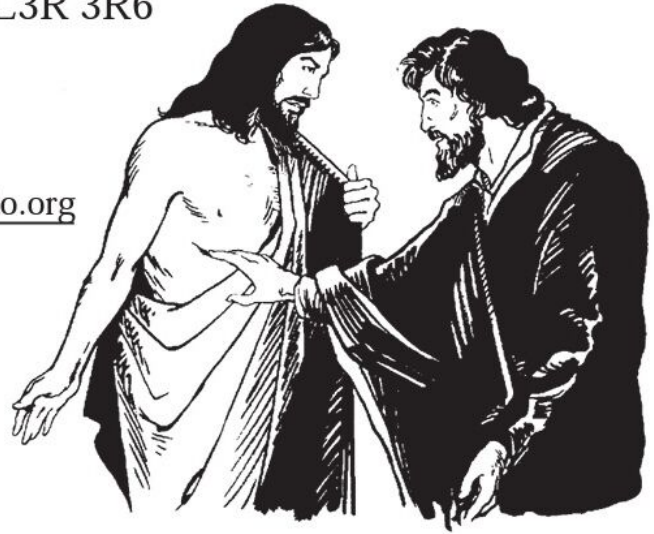
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Herwin Shillingford	416-824-3347
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 November 13 12:10 p.m.**
Intentions of George Choi Li
(Pat Chong and Family)
- Monday November 13 7:00 p.m.**
Deceased Members of the Straub Family
- Tuesday November 14 12:10 p.m.**
+Msgr. Gerard Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Tuesday November 14 7:00 p.m.**
+Msgr. Gerard Breen
(Jefferson Tse)
- Wednesday November 15 12:10 p.m.**
Deceased Parishioners of
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
- Wednesday November 15 7:00 p.m.**
+Antoniapillai and Nicholapilla
(Family)
- Thursday November 16 12:10 p.m.**
+Ivor Wroughton and George Fonseca
(Family)
- Thursday November 16 7:00 p.m.**
Deceased Members of the Ling and
Huang Families
(Family)
- Friday November 17 12:10 p.m.**
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric,
Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)
- Friday November 17 7:00 p.m.**
+Mary-Joe Ku
(Family)
- Saturday November 18 9:00 a.m.**
Intentions of Father Martin Pereira
(Merle and Clare Menezes)
- Saturday November 18 5:00 p.m.**
+Ines and Maximo Bulaon
(Tiongson and Bulaon Families)
- Sunday November 19 8:00 a.m.**
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday November 19 10:00 a.m.**
+Francis Tavares
(Family)
- Sunday November 19 12:00 p.m.**
+George D'Souza and Paul Miranda
(Merle Menezes)

THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 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: George Poblete, John George Moolasseril, and for those who have no one to pray for.



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.



MATCHING GIFT PROMOTION FOR SHARELIFE

Between now and December 31, gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to \$500,000. Our office has been receiving calls from parishioners asking if we will have a matching campaign this year, and we are grateful for the generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible.

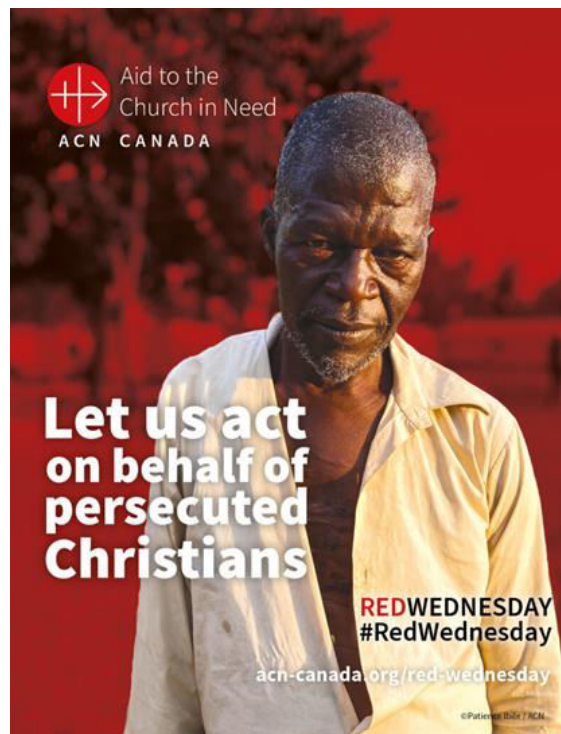


OASIS
Christmas
Luncheon

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.



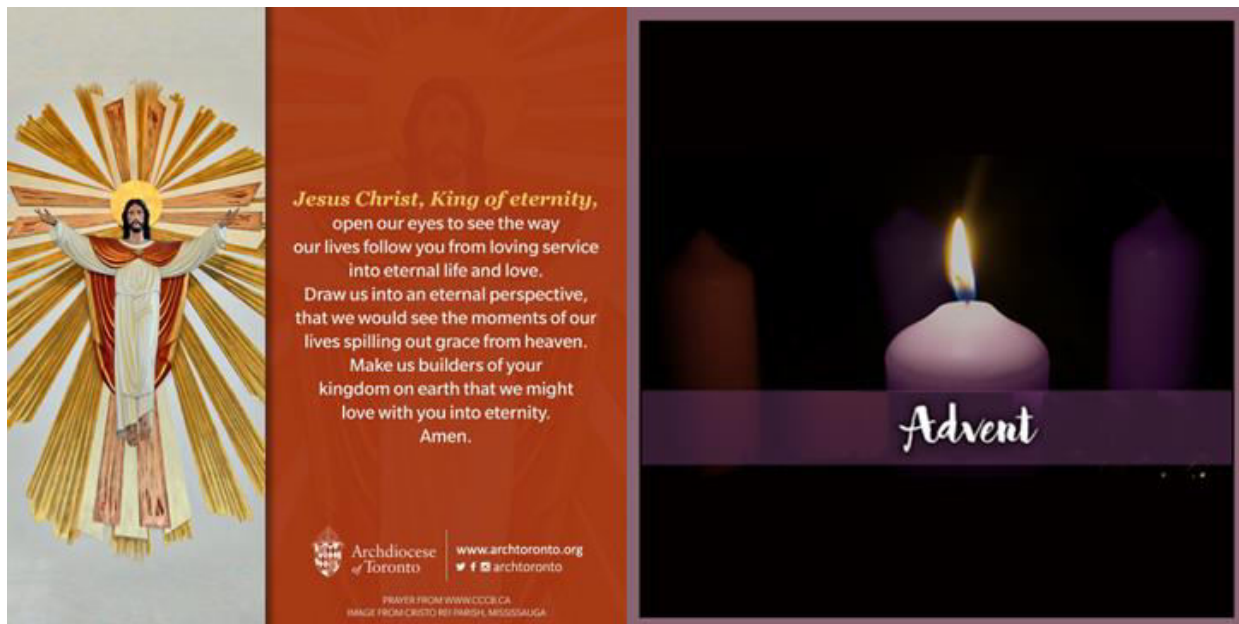
ACN CANADA – RED WEDNESDAY

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!



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received \$6,623.87 (includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).



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.



THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus Tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching His disciples, the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants His disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens – friends and family members of the bride – to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves - Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive Him?

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