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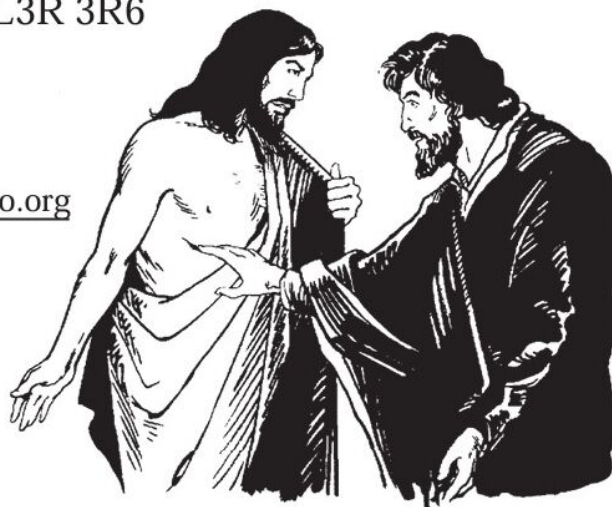
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)
 Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (in residence) 647-877-1774
 Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)
 Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)
 Part Time Secretary: 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.

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
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Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
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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 January 8** 12:10 p.m.
+Giovanna Costantino
(Family)
- Monday January 8** 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Margaret Tse
(Jefferson Tse)
- Tuesday January 9** 12:10 p.m.
+Glennville Stuart
(Pat Stuart)
- Tuesday January 9** 7:00 p.m.
+Charles and Doris Clayburn
(Al Jacob)
- Wednesday January 10** 12:10 p.m.
+Delio and Antonietta Iacobelli
(Gina Creta)
- Wednesday January 10** 7:00 p.m.
+Stinny Pillarth
(Al Jacob)
- Thursday January 11** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Billy Hogarth Phillips
(Rose Family)
- Thursday January 11** 7:00 p.m.
+Theresa Joseph
(Family)
- Friday January 12** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Marylou Papa
- Friday January 12** 7:00 p.m.
+Laurence Fernandes
(Fernandes Family)
- Saturday January 13** 9:00 a.m.
+Father William Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday January 13** 5:00 p.m.
+Olga D’Rosario
(Atkins Family)
- Sunday January 14** 8:00 a.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz
(Family)
- Sunday January 14** 10:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
Ladd Family
(Family)
- Sunday January 14** 12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Lorie and Rowel Livara on their 25th
Wedding Anniversary

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024**

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, 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, Chiu Jung Lin, Anthony Small, Maryann Redoblado, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Luchie Redoblado, Audrey Carb and Gregorio Cardelli

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Tomas Lee, Tony Romero, Ching Lan, Renefel Pelayo and for those who have no one to pray for them.



THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR PARENTS OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH

In the Church after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. Students do not need to attend the parent meeting. The first Confirmation class is on Saturday January 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the large hall downstairs.



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.



SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

The second phase of our [Sanctuary renovation project](#) will begin this month. Please look at the back of the church (near the old confessionals) to find the designs for the second phase. We would like to reopen fundraising for the new phase and are hoping to raise another \$45,000.00, approximately half of the cost of the work to be completed. There are three ways that you can give:

- 1) Bring your donation to the office during office hours.
- 2) Place your donation in a blank envelope with your parish envelope # in the collection basket at a weekend Mass. Please write **Sanctuary Renovation** on the front of the envelope.

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- 3) Go to the [Donate](#) button on our parish website. You can donate using your debit or credit card. After you complete the donation process, you will receive an email confirmation receipt. Please print out a copy of the receipt, write **Sanctuary Renovation** on the receipt and bring it to the office so that we can allocate the money to the Sanctuary Project and not to the general account.



ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED

And are asked to [support the parish and the needs of the Church](#) by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

*Jesus, source of
overwhelming joy,*
 captivate our hearts,
 our lives, our imaginations.
 Lift us up and give us grace
 to shine humbly and honestly
 with the radiance of loving you.
 Amen.

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ETIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).

We received: \$ 9,949.42 December 18, 2023
 \$ 8,349.57 December 24, 2023
 \$ 10,301.60 December 25, 2023
 \$ 9,918.20 December 31, 2023
 \$ 4,293.90 January 1, 2024



PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REVEREND FRANCIS LEO

“SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL OTHER THINGS”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “[*Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*](#)”. This significant reflection from our Spiritual Shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do Him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod...” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. God is presented as representative of Jesus’ Kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of His Divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation: or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including His Birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His Baptism by John, and His first Miracle at Cana.

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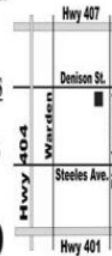
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