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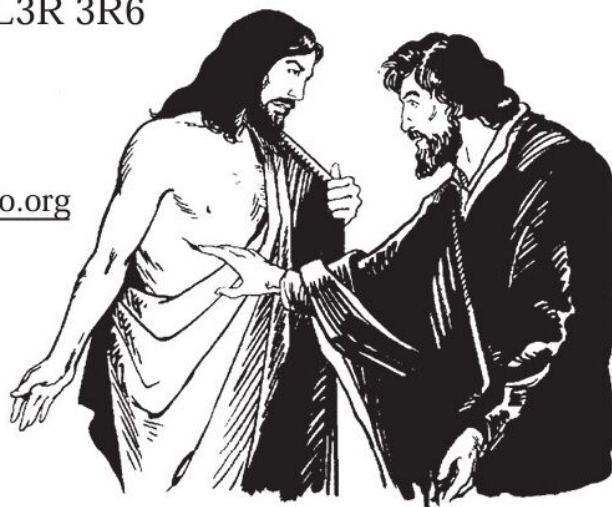
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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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Men's Group	Lloyd Macheranes	647-461-2464
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 January 22** 12:10 p.m.
+Francis Tan
(Cheng Family)
- Monday January 22** 7:00 p.m.
+Jack Paley
(Beryl and John Houland)
(Nicholas Kozak)
- Tuesday January 23** 12:10 p.m.
+Peter Lu
(Seck Family)
- Tuesday January 23** 7:00 p.m.
+Father John Corkery
(Sunu)
- Wednesday January 24** 12:10 p.m.
+Timoteo Bernal and Nila Cruz
(Family)
- Wednesday January 24** 7:00 p.m.
+Mrs. Teresa Chiu
(Jefferson Tse)
- Thursday January 25** 12:10 p.m.
+Pradip Bose
(Rose Family)
- Thursday January 25** 7:00 p.m.
+Nicolo Sidoti and Family
(Family)
- Friday January 26** 12:10 p.m.
+Violet Lim
(Bernardine Cheung)
- Friday January 26** 7:00 p.m.
+Walter Moo Choy
(Family)
- Saturday January 27** 9:00 a.m.
+Theresa and S. Joseph
(Mary Augustine)
- Saturday January 27** 5:00 p.m.
+Olga D'Souza
(Al Jacob)
- Sunday January 28** 8:00 a.m.
Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping
- Sunday January 28** 10:00 a.m.
+Filomeno Tavares
(Family)
- Sunday January 28** 12:00 p.m.
+Margarida Ferreira
(Darryl Snider)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 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, Anthony Small, Maryann Redoblado, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Luchie Redoblado, Audrey Carb, Deacon Everis Munroe, Gregorio Cardelli and Francis Castor Jr.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Elsie Lin Ching Lan, Luz and Zoilo Valdez, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



PARISH OFFERTORY

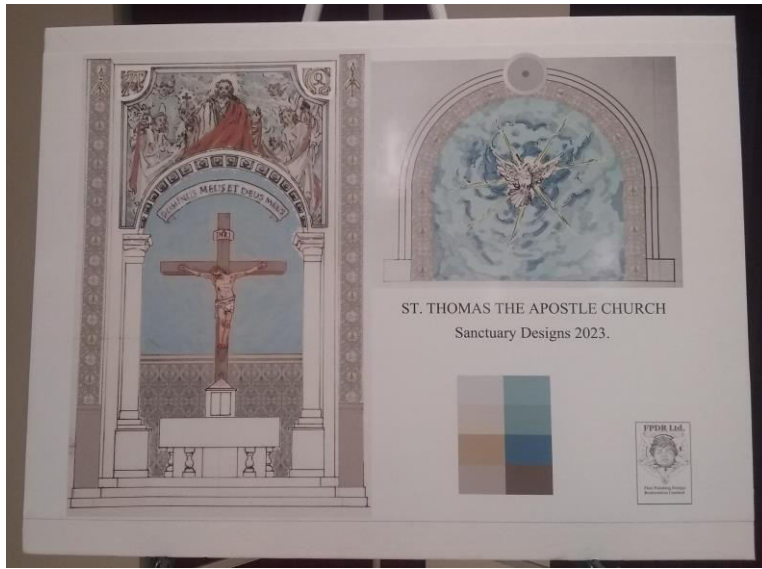
Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).

We received: \$6,094.67 January 7, 2024
\$5,407.62 January 14, 2024



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

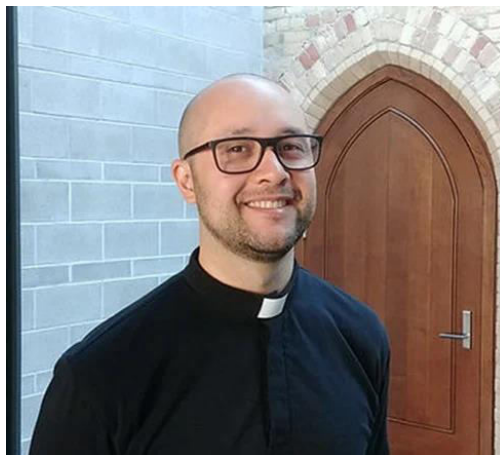
The second phase of our [Sanctuary renovation project](#) has begun. Please look at the back of the church (near the old confessionals) to find the designs for the second phase. We would like to reopen fundraising for the new phase and are hoping to raise another \$45,000.00, approximately half of the 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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life, or diaconate: If you think God is calling you to a Church Vocation, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James, and John, to be His disciples.

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' Baptism and His Temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the Kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that He announces in His teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling His first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites His disciples to learn from Him. Jesus is said to have called four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's Kingdom?

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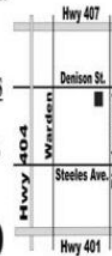
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