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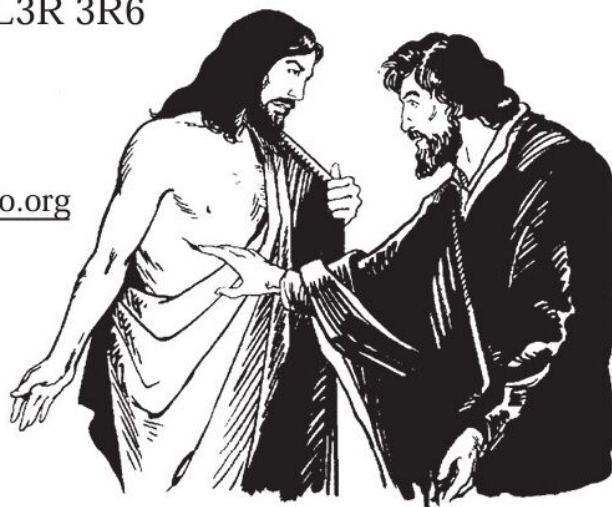
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
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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 February 26 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Kimberly Lefko

Monday February 26 7:00 p.m.
+Theresa and S. Joseph
(Mary Augustine)

Tuesday February 27 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping

Tuesday, February 27 7:00 p.m.
+Alfred Roth
(Family)

Wednesday February 28 12:10 p.m.
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday February 28 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Maria Lim

Thursday February 29 12:10 p.m.
+Chung Meng Chen
(Sunu)

Thursday February 29 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Esperanza E-Warren

Friday March 1 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Kimberly Lefko

Friday March 1 7:00 p.m.
Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday March 2 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families.
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday March 2 5:00 p.m.
+Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)

Sunday March 3 8:00 a.m.
+Rosa and Dominic D'Agostino
(Family)

Sunday March 3 10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday March 3 12:00 p.m.
Intentions of Corazon Asilador and
William Lee Ah-Chong
(JP and Virginie Chan)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 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, 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, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Luchie Redoblado, Audrey Carb, Deacon Everis Munroe, Gregorio Cardelli, Francis Castor Jr., and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Bridget Martha Nusca and for those who have no one to pray for them.



PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$6,677.57 February 18, 2024.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

If your need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister, or deacon is also taking a great risk. **If you are willing, and 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



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

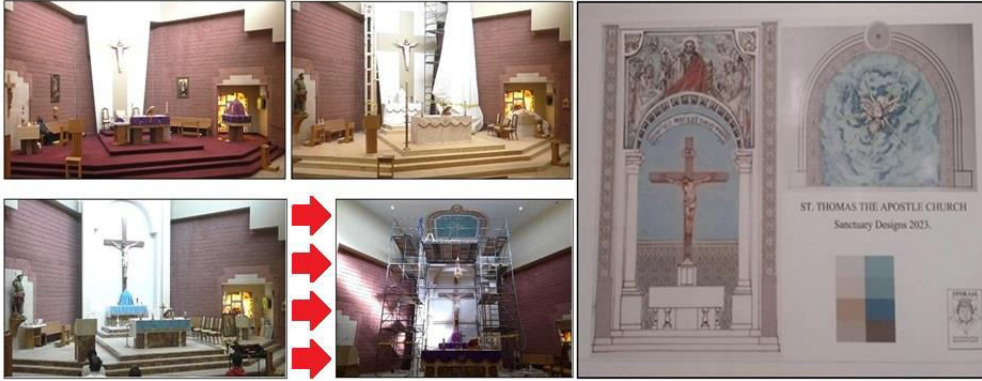
TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Come experience why thousands return each year...

- ✝ Mass with Archbishop Leo
- ✝ Compelling Speakers: (Father Mathias Thelen; Peter Herbeck, Debbie Herbeck, Fr. Alex Colautti, CC Peter Burrak)
- ✝ Powerful Praise and Worship Music
- ✝ Prayer Ministry for Healing and Empowerment
- ✝ Inspiring Personal Testimonies
- ✝ Divine Mercy Celebration
- ✝ Eucharistic Adoration and Procession
- ✝ Confessions



Adult Rally (poster): \$30.00 **Youth Rally (poster): \$15.00**

Sanctuary Fundraiser and Renovation - Second Phase (murals)



SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

The second phase of our [Sanctuary renovation project](#) is continuing. 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. **We have collected: \$26,025.00.**



THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH (MARCH 1)

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



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LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2024

**PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE SOLEMN TRIDUUM
(MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY SATURDAY)**

Mission Director: Fr. Darlington Oparaike

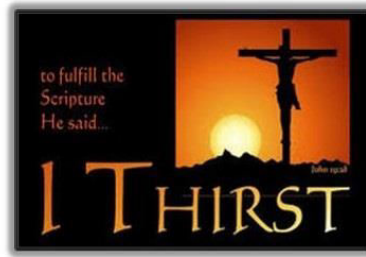
Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tue, Wed, Thu), Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

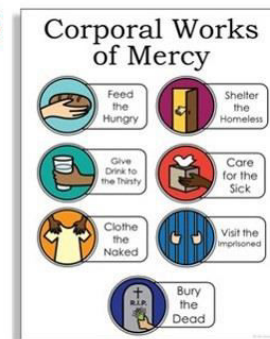
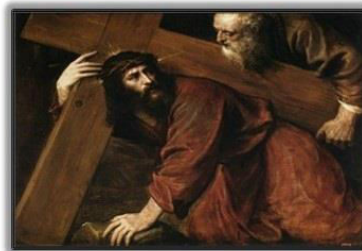
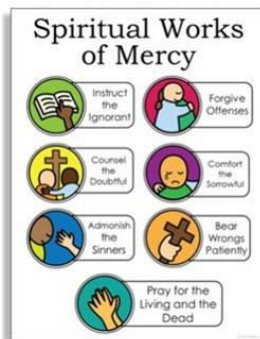
**DAY 1: PRAYER – THE
PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST
(MAUNDY THURSDAY)**



**DAY 2: FASTING –
I THIRST FOR YOUR SOUL
(GOOD FRIDAY)**



**DAY 3: ALMSGIVING –
SPIRITUAL & CORPORAL WORKS
OF MERCY (HOLY SATURDAY)**



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2024

Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving in Relationship with the Solemn Triduum - (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday)

Mission Director: Fr. Darlington Oparaike

Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. (Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Mission Talk.)

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

- ✠ **Day 1: PRAYER - THE PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST (MAUNDY THURSDAY) – Tuesday March 12.**
- ✠ **Day 2: FASTING - I THIRST FOR YOUR SOUL (GOOD FRIDAY) – Wednesday March 13.**
- ✠ **Day 3: ALMSGIVING - SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (HOLY SATURDAY) – Thursday March 14.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

On the Second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary Cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about His Passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In Each case, Jesus takes three of His disciples – Peter, James, and John – to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at His Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed His Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed, and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus' rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey Him. This voice from Heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' Baptism.

In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness His passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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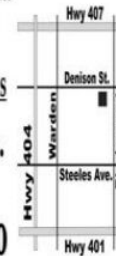
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