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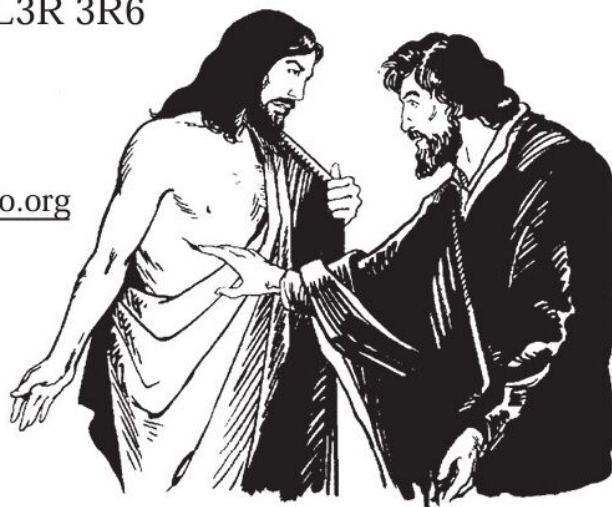
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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
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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
FOR THE WEEK

Monday March 25 12:10 p.m.
+Glenda Lobo, Vivian Lobo, and the living
members of the Lobo Family

Monday March 25 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of the Genco Family

Tuesday March 26 12:10 p.m.
+Peter, Jesuina and Lucas Fernandes
(Fernandes Family)

Tuesday March 26 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday March 27 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Dolores Poblete

Wednesday March 27 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday March 28 7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday March 29 12:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Friday March 29 3:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Saturday March 30 8:30 p.m.
The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday March 31 10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday March 31 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY MARCH 24, 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, Anthony Small, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Luchie Redoblado, Audrey Carb, Gregorio Cardelli, Francis Castor Jr., and Anna Azini.

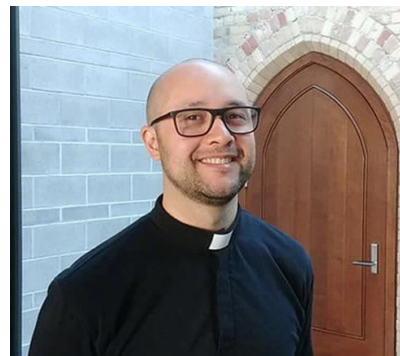
PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Shene Ing Char, Marie Downey, Maggie Leung, Joseph Luk and for those who have no one to pray for them.



PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received: \$6,772.62.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! **If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(Updated March 27, 2024)

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Will be at **7:00 p.m.** (**NO NOON MASS**).
- There will be a free will offering for [Canadian Food for Children](#).

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION

- Will be at **12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.**
- **Stations of the Cross** will be at **7:30 p.m.**
- The Good Friday collection is [for the needs of the churches in the Holy Land](#).

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

- From meat for Catholics between 14 and 59 and who are in good enough health to participate.
- Those who suffer illness should join their sufferings to the Passion of the Lord for the good of the Church.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

- **Following the evening Mass** on **Tuesday and Wednesday** of Holy Week.
- **Holy Thursday** from **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Good Friday** from **10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** and **after the Stations of the Cross**.
- **Holy Saturday** from **10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** and from **4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.**



2nd ANNUAL ST. THOMAS YARD SALE

(hosted by KofC council 10182)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

- **TABLE RENTAL \$20** (*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHURCH)
- **TICKET SALES BEGIN WEEKEND OF APRIL 6/7th**
- KofC information booth
- **KofC will be selling food** (all proceeds go to charity and church)

'Tis a great time to purge and start your winter/spring cleaning!!!!!!!

2nd ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SALE

HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Sunday April 28th – 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (in the Church Hall)
- \$20 to rent a table – “all proceeds go to the Church”
- Ticket sales start weekend April 6/7
- KOC Information booth
- KOC will be selling food – *proceeds go to charity and church*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1-15:47

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified.

The centurion who witnessed His death declared, "This Man was the Son of God."

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum* – three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the Four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout His public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for His death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin- the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders-He was charged with blasphemy, citing His threat to the temple. When He was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be King of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue His ministry after His death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the vents ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over His impending fate while His disciples slumbered through the night. Jesut as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood His death to have been preordained, and He accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood His anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of His burial, and He announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted His betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At His arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was confident and silent before His accusers. After He was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until His final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that He was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in His death on the cross.

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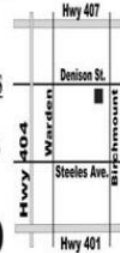
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