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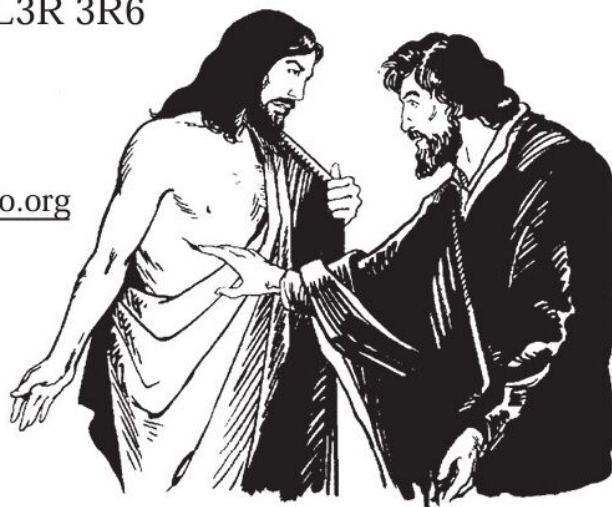
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

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### PARISH GROUPS

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### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

# Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday April 29** 12:10 p.m.  
+Percy de Gannes  
(Family)
- Monday April 29** 7:00 p.m.  
+Erlinda Petfield  
(Chiu Family)
- Tuesday April 30** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Christian Tyler Dadula  
(Family)
- Tuesday April 30** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of William Yung's health  
(Yung Family)
- Wednesday May 1** 12:10 p.m.  
+Andre Mascoll  
(Jacqueline Georges)
- Wednesday May 1** 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Jefferson Tse  
(Family)
- Thursday May 2** 12:10 p.m.  
+Richard Antonio  
(Maria and Manfred Sallaberger)
- Thursday May 2** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Morelli Family)
- Friday May 3** 12:10 p.m.  
+Mary Yu  
(Mr. and Mrs. Seck)
- Friday May 3** 7:00 p.m.  
For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday May 4** 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 May 5** 5:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Ryan Leitch  
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Sunday May 5** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday May 5** 10:00 a.m.  
+Mary Foo  
(Chung Family)
- Sunday May 5** 12:00 Noon  
+Mimi Borromeo  
(Ver Family)

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 28, 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., Anna Azini, and Kevin Caleb

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Father James Martin, Susan Tai and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY (MAY 3)**

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



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).  
We received: \$6614.75 (April 21, 2024).



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Our Second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. **If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**ON FRIDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 OUR CHURCH WILL BE REDEDICATED BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO IN CELEBRATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR SANCTUARY**

The Rededication will take place at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the large hall. All are welcome.

53<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

# ECUADOR

SEPTEMBER 6-16, 2024



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening ceremony and opening Mass
- Eucharistic adoration evening
- Daily prayer times, workshops and discussions
- Guided tour of Quito with an English-speaking guide

For additional information, pricing and registration details, please visit:  
[www.archtoronto.org/iec](http://www.archtoronto.org/iec)

Experience a pilgrimage to Ecuador to attend the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress, accompanied by Fr. Chris Cauchi (Archdiocese of Toronto) and Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth).

Be a part of the national delegation with participants expected from across Canada.

Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Registration deadline:**  
June 6, 2024

Book before  
**May 6**  
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## INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2024

### Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation!

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8 – 15, 2024. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/iec>. **Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.**

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## PENTECOST HALF DAY OF REFLECTION

### TALK 1:

**HOLY SPIRIT –  
THE SPOUSE OF  
THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**



### TALK 2:

**LIVING IN THE TIME OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT  
("THE FORGOTTEN  
GOD")**



**Reflection Director: Fr. Francis Salasiar CSC**



**Date: Saturday May 11, 2024**

**Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

**Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall**

**ORGANIZED BY THE MEN'S GROUP**

### **PENTECOST HALF DAY OF REFLECTION**

- By Father Francis Salasiar, CSC
- Talk 1: Holy Spirit – The Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Talk 2: Living in the Time of The Holy Spirit (“The Forgotten God”)
- Date: Saturday May 11, 2024
- Time: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Venue St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall.
- Organized by the Men’s Group

# 2000 Hail Mary Devotion



“Drop by and pray with us in the month of Mary”

## LEGION OF MARY

Date: May 4, 2024 (Saturday)

Time: 6:30 a.m. & throughout the day

Venue: St. Thomas The Apostle Church  
(14 Highgate Drive, Markham)



### Tentative Program:

- ✠ 4 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- ✠ Opening prayers & Consecration prayers
- ✠ Holy Mass (9:00 a.m. in the Church)
- ✠ 2000 Hail Mary with 20 petitions (including personal intentions)
- ✠ 12:00 noon – The Angelus prayer; Lunch/ snacks
- ✠ 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy
- ✠ Continuation of 2000 Hail Mary
- ✠ Concluding prayers and then burning of petitions

### Remarks:

- ✠ Feel free to bring something to share for lunches and snacks. You can also bring flower to Our Lady if you wish.

Come & pray with us any time throughout the day!



## To Jesus Through Mary!



### **2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION: COME AND PRAY WITH US**

The Legion of Mary is inviting all of you to pray the Annual Devotion of 2000 Hail Marys event at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This event will be held on **May 4, 2024 (Saturday) from 6:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** You do not need to stay for the whole devotion. Please drop by anytime throughout the day to pray with us. You are welcome to bring flowers and snack. For more information see the enclosed flyer on the bulletin board. Thank you.



## **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.



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024**

**Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8**

*Jesus teaches that He is the Vine, and His disciples are the branches.*

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples about the importance of following His example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for His disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about His relationship to His disciples. In His metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh Himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches His disciples that His relationship with them will not end after His death; He will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and His disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that He began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that He began.

Jesus also teaches His disciples about the importance of the words He taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will His words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourishment by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in His name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in His name.

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