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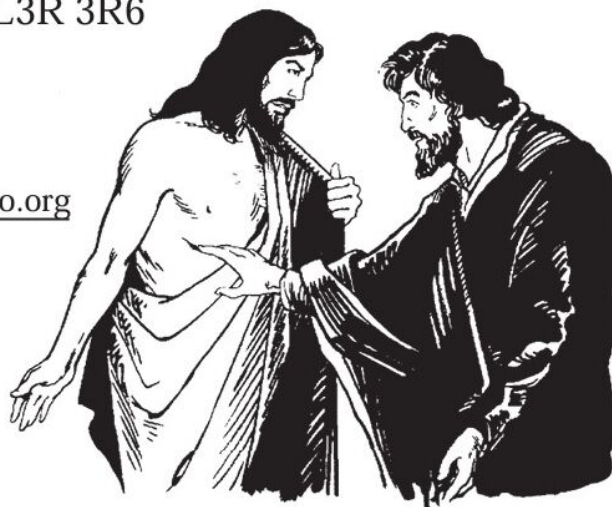
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

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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  for the
Intentions Week

- Monday May 13** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Monday May 13** 7:00 p.m.
+Mr. Shiu-Kai Poon
(Jefferson Tse)
- Tuesday May 14** 12:10 p.m.
+Cathy McKenna
(McKenna Family)
- Tuesday May 14** 7:00 p.m.
+Mary Liu
(Family)
- Wednesday May 15** 12:10 p.m.
Sisters at Carmel of St. Joseph
and St. Agatha, Ontario
- Wednesday May 15** 7:00 p.m.
+Erlinda Petfield
(Genco Family)
- Thursday May 16** 12:10 p.m.
+Aida Papa
(Family)
- Thursday May 16** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Kimberly Lefko
- Friday May 17** 12:10 p.m.
+Kazimierz Starkiewicz
(Family)
- Friday May 17** 7:00 p.m.
+Mr. Shiu-Kai Poon
(Jefferson Poon)
- Saturday May 18** 9:00 a.m.
+Reverend J. Basil Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday May 18** 5:00 p.m.
+Reverend J. Basil Breen
(Jefferson Tse)
- Sunday May 19** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday May 19** 10:00 a.m.
+Shene Ing Char
(Daniel Char)
- Sunday May 19** 12:00 Noon
+Alex Chiu
(Family)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY MAY 12, 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: Reverend Clarence Ervin Watrin, Deacon John Crump those who have no one to pray for them.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$6,406.45 May 5, 2024.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God’s will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? **If you feel that you are being led 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



ON FRIDAY JULY 5TH, 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.

53RD 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

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
for early bird
discount



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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.**



SHARELIFE AND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On this [World Communications Day](#), your support of [ShareLife](#) is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

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Thus far we have raised \$35,918.35 towards our goal of \$100,000.00 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, [online through our parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.



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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to Heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

Today is our Liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to Heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels – Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns His disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to Baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to Baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of His promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with His disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after His death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to His disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during His ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus Himself has done. During His ministry, Jesus sent His disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From His place with God in Heaven, Jesus helped His disciples, and He continues to help us as we try to live as His followers.

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