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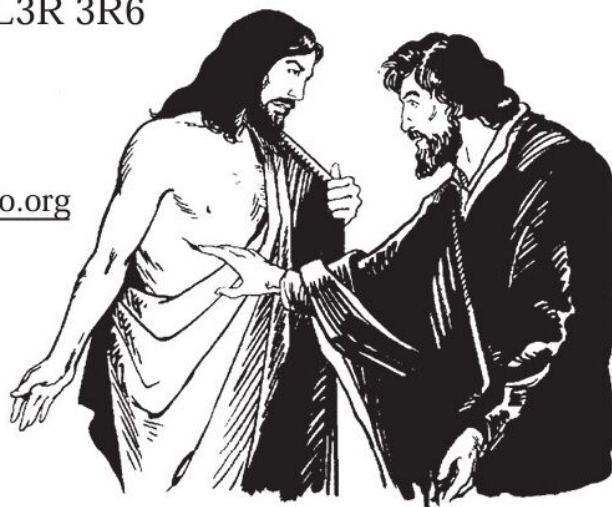
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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 for the Intentions Week

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024

Monday June 17 12:10 p.m.

Living and deceased members
of the Mackenzie, Smith, Gilbou and
Goodrow families
(Jefferson Tse)

Monday June 17 7:00 p.m.

+Chik Hing Anthony Yu
(Yu Family)

Tuesday June 18 12:10 p.m.

+Bernard Georges
(Family)

Tuesday June 18 7:00 p.m.

+Edward and Margaret Lynch
(Family)

Wednesday June 19 12:10 p.m.

+Ciriaco Bulaon
(Bulaon and Tionson Families)

Wednesday June 19 7:00 p.m.

+Julia Fernandes
(Anthony Pereira and Family)

Thursday June 20 12:10 p.m.

+Charles, Maisie and Trevor Daunt
(Family)

Thursday June 20 7:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the
McKenna Family

Friday June 21 12:10 p.m.

+Ian Mascoll
(Jacqueline Georges)

Friday June 21 7:00 p.m.

+Arlinda Fernandes
(Fernandes Family)

Saturday June 22 9:00 a.m.

+Vernon D'Sylva
(Anthony and Flavia)

Saturday June 22 5:00 p.m.

+John Baena
(Family)

Sunday June 23 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday June 23 10:00 a.m.

+Father Geoffrey Severs
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday June 23 12:00 Noon

+Agripino Manalo
(Family)

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, Kevin Caleb Wenyuen Song, Tony Pinto And Tony Co

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have no one to pray for them.

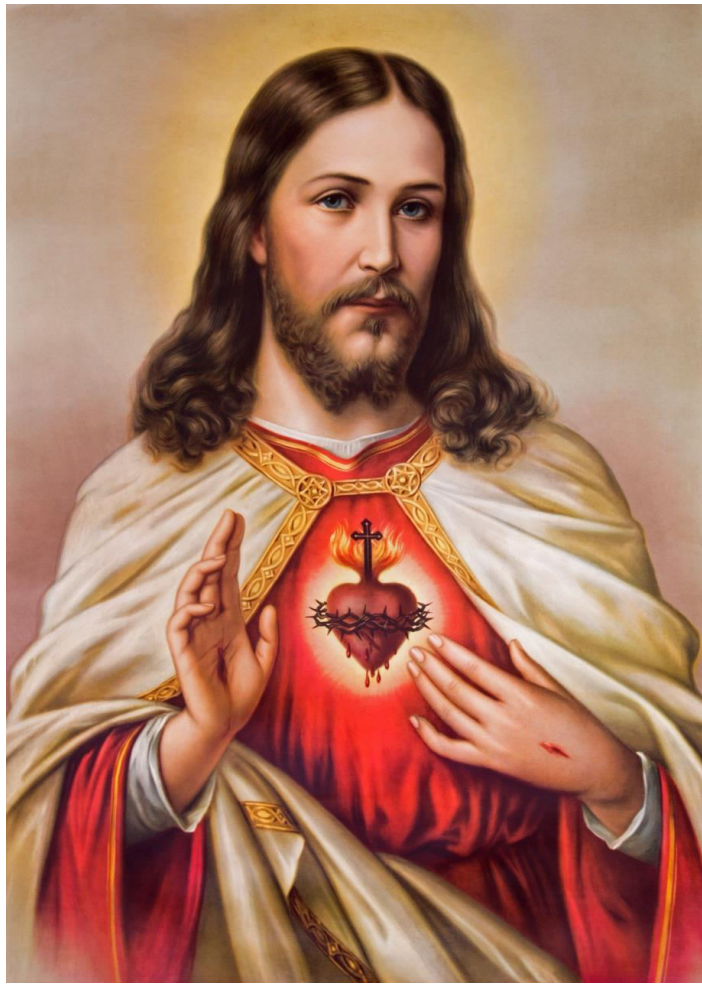


ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings remind us of great things that often have small beginnings. **If you feel the inclination 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



ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

The month of June is dedicated to devotion to the **Sacred Heart** of Jesus. Parishioners are welcome to have their homes enthroned to the **Sacred Heart** not only in the month of June but throughout the year. The Enthronement of the **Sacred Heart** in one's home is an expression of devotion to the **Sacred Heart** that involves the formal placing, or "enthronement," of an image or statue of the **Sacred Heart** in a place of prominence in the home. **There are sign up sheets in the foyer.** Please specify preferred time and date for the enthronement and you will be contacted by a member of the Legion of Mary.



HOT DOGS AND DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 22/23. ALL PROCEEDS FOR SHARELIFE. ORGANIZED BY OUR SENIORS GROUP



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.



OUR SENIORS GROUP, OASIS, INVITES YOU TO A PILGRIMAGE OF THE FATIMA SHRINE IN YOUNGSTOWN, NEW YORK ON THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2024, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Early bird registration is \$35.00 for members before June 15. Members and non members is \$45.00 after that date. Further details on the flyers posted on the Bulletin boards by both entrances.



PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received: \$6,766.90 (June 9, 2024, - includes PAG and Donate Now).



YOUR SHARELIFE GIFT CHANGES LIVES

In a world where empathy matters most, your compassionate heart provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,500 people with special needs and their families. We thank you for your kindness and compassion.

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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.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard Seed.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal His identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, He warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:45, 7:36, and 8:26) Also, when preaching, Jesus' chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern His message. Only to His disciples does He explain the parable's meaning, and He does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the Kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the Kingdom by His life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the Kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and His group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's Kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's Kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the Kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and His Kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy Kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

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