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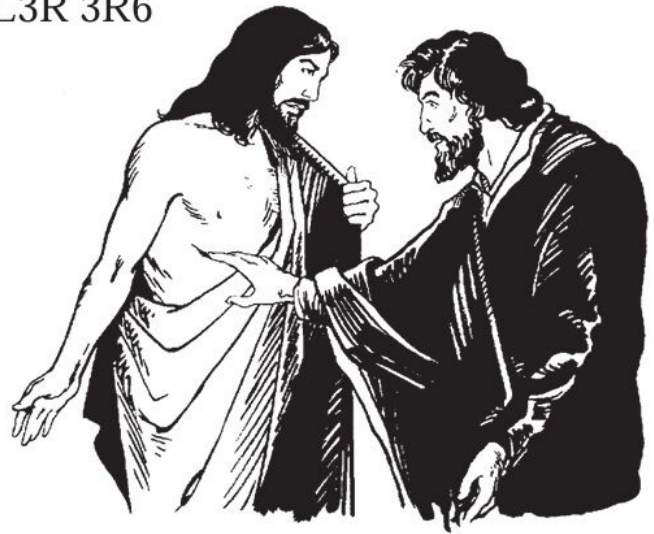
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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 Secretaries: Maureen Daunt, Geraldine Rocha

## 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

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

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Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
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 for the Intentions Week

**Monday April 7** 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Melania Szeto

**Monday April 7** 7:00 p.m.

+Cecilio Nepomuceno

**Tuesday April 8** 12:10 p.m.

Deceased Members of the  
Dinglasan and Melanie Families  
(Allan Dinglasan)

**Tuesday April 8** 7:00 p.m.

+Chung-Yuen Tse  
(Jefferson Tse)

**Wednesday April 9** 12:10 p.m.

+Fei Ling Yap  
(Theresa Tang)

**Wednesday April 9** 7:00 p.m.

+Erlinda David Petfield  
(Family)

**Thursday April 10** 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)

**Thursday April 10** 7:00 p.m.

+Alroy Jacob  
(Family)

**Friday April 11** 12:10 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Lim)

**Friday April 11** 7:00 p.m.

+Chik Hing Anthony Yu  
(Family)

**Saturday April 12** 9:00 a.m.

+Ronald Butash  
(Allan Dinglasan)

**Saturday April 12** 5:00 p.m.

+Miguel Francisco  
(Maria and Family)

**Sunday April 13** 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday April 13** 10:00 a.m.

+Licia Spiteri  
(Family)

**Sunday April 13** 12:00 Noon

+Emelda Soosaithasan  
(Family)

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kelvin Ramoutar, Nicholas Marshall, Kevin Caleb, Agnes Yuen, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Wai Wong, Maria Francisco, Ronald Persaud, Ronald Chung, Lynn Demers, Grace Li, William Lee Ah-Chong, Rowena Poon, Jim Coutts, Fanny Chow, Alison Wong, Chris Yeung, William Yung, Jonrick Carlos Bautista, Donald Winterton, Fitzroy James, Anna Azimi, Colin Pereira and Pope Francis.

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



**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE  
AFTER MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**



## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? **If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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# OASIS Lunch and Learn

**Who:** We invite all parishioners, family, and friends.

**Where:** St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall,  
14 Highgate Drive, Markham.

**When:** Every second Tuesday of the month  
from April to October 2025.

**What:** Insights on Wellness and Mental Health Workshops.

**Program:** Mass at 12:10 pm, followed by workshop  
from 12:45 pm to 2:30 pm. **Registration needed.**

Lunch will be served with free will giving.

**How to register:** Text or call Les (905-479-6023),  
Russell (647-898-6480) or Fran (647-787-5771).

## OASIS (Older Adults Sharing In Service)

*"We provide a little something for the mind, body and soul."*

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## INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

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Let us learn, share, and feel good together!

Living/ending well: Handling Pain and Suffering - April 8

### Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Nathalie Bedros 416-921-1163 ext.2251



### **OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS**

Lunch and Learn workshops, insights on wellness and mental health, hosted by OASIS, every second Tuesday of the month. Learn about isolation, depression, dementia, grieving, self care, fitness, etc. 12:10 Mass followed by lunch (free will giving) and workshop. **Next workshop Tuesday April 8, 2025. Talk: Living/Ending Well: Handling Pain and Suffering.** More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. **Please call Les Rodrigues @ 905-479-6023.**

# Bundle Up

For the  
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

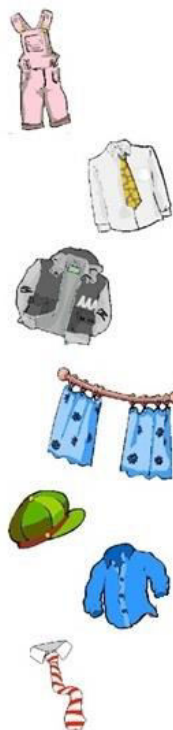


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On

**April 12 - 13, 2025**



List of Items Accepted and Not Accepted at Bundle Up Weekends & Stores

**Accept**

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(Any Condition)

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(Any Condition)

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(Any Condition)

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**Don't Accept**

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**Dishes**  
(Any Kind)

**Furniture**  
(Any Kind)

**Books /Video/Audio Cassettes**



## **BUNDLE UP FOR THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Collection date is **April 12-13, 2025**. We accept clothes, shoes, boots, towels, bedding etc. We do not accept appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes. For more information visit <https://ssvptoronto.ca>.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$6,611.25 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Gospel Reading – John 8:1-11**

#### ***Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.***

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking His death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by His teaching and His actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by His words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will either be contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with His finger, addresses those who stand before Him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to His writing. Yet there are no specific details about what He wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners His mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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