

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

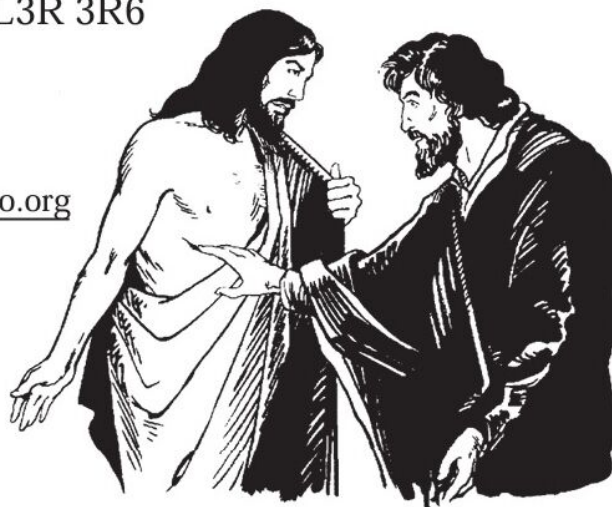
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

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FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

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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 6** 12:10 p.m.
+Margaret Georges
(Family)
- Monday May 6** 7:00 p.m.
+Suzanne Chai
(Family)
- Tuesday May 7** 12:10 p.m.
+Thomas and Adelaide Lahey
(Jacqueline Georges)
- Tuesday May 7** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday May 8** 12:10 p.m.
Special Intentions of Mary Sen
- Wednesday May 8** 7:00 p.m.
+Fellicer Sombero
(Family)
- Thursday May 9** 12:10 p.m.
+Hector Chin
(Family)
- Thursday May 9** 7:00 p.m.
+Gorgonia Garcia
(Garcia Family)
- Friday May 10** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Friday May 10** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Melissa and Elliott D'Souza
(Menezes Family)
- Saturday May 11** 9:00 a.m.
+Theresa Baena
(Family)
- Saturday May 11** 5:00 p.m.
+Cornelia De Las Alas
(Family)
- Sunday May 12** 8:00 a.m.
Intentions of Sister Emma Ling
(Family)
- Sunday May 12** 10:00 a.m.
+Fellicer Silvestre Sombero
(Family)
- Sunday May 12** 12:00 Noon
Intentions of Cecile Garel
(Salvatore and Rosalia Di Blasi
And family)

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **SUNDAY MAY 5, 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: For those who have no one to pray for them.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. **If you are willing to answer God's call, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$8,833.80 (April 28, 2024).



Re-Dedication
of our Church by

Friday, July 5, 2024
at 7 pm

Archbishop
Francis Leo

followed by
refreshments
in the large hall

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.



SHARE THE LOVE WITH OUR BELOVED SENIORS THROUGH SHARELIFE

Last year, [ShareLife](#) supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors. *“The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs.”* – Jaymie Daunt, [LA Center for Active Seniors](#). So far, we have collected \$34,578.35. This includes what is sent directly to ShareLife.



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.

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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: This coming 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**

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

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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.**



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Jesus commands His disciples to love one another.

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that He was the Vine and that His disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that He is known by the Father and that His disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds His disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed love. Those who know Jesus well – and Jesus says that His disciples do know Him – will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of His relationship with His disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that His relationship to His disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen – one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as He did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read His instruction to the disciples in light of His death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus Himself gives us the greatest example of the king of love and service that He teaches to His disciples. He has, in fact, laid down His life for His friends, for His disciples, and for us. Through His death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

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