

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Deacon - Sarfaraz Pinto (ext. 226)

Youth Minister - Hill Roshan Arulnesam (ext 225)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon

Ask ushers for listening - aid devices

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (at Convent)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursdays and Fridays after noon Mass until

Benediction at 7:15 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 and 15 minutes before all Sunday Masses

Monday through Friday 11:45-12:00 and 7:00-7:15

DEVOTIONS TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

Will be the Second and Fourth Sunday
of each month at 1:30 p.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

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	905-477-0632
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	90-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350
HighBirch Before and After School	416-580-8876

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Philomena Cheong (Family)
Monday	7:30 p.m.	+Clinton Aston Wong (Agatha Moo Choy)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mrs. Lai-Ying Poon (Jefferson Tse)
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	+Rory Chau (Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Vito Genco (Family)
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	+Sebastiano "Frank" Carrubba (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex, Margaret and Jefferson Tse
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	+Giuseppa and Giorgio Accomando (Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Marcus Cheng (Cheng Family)
Friday	7:30 p.m.	+Helen Yu-Kiu Leung (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Rocco Sala (Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Atkins Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	+Frs. Gerard, William and Basil Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	+Rohib and Mary Elias (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	For the people of the parish

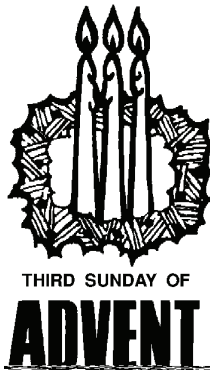
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Bob Hustins, Cleo Savoie, Elizabeth Wong, Raquel Pinto, Joseph Yu, Anne Canagasuriam, Harry Ramadhin, Johnny Luu, Eric Maddan, Rita Yu, Erwin Ishmael, Luiza Pinto, Peter Ngan, Helen Yu-Kiu Leung, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Alwin Siu, Fu Pui, Anna Starkiewicz, Olivia D'Souza, Anthony De Sousa, Lubomir Ivicic, Margaret Wong, Ara Koumd Jian, Ester Cholakean, Fitzroy James and Ruth Pullen

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

For those who have no one to pray for them.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT is a time to prepare reflectively for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. It should be characterized by an attitude of "watch and pray" as wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, inspired by the entrance antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." The rose candle in the Advent wreath reminds us that this is a day for rejoicing, that our celebration of the Incarnation is near.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES will be on Christmas eve at 5:00 p.m. and midnight, and on Christmas Day at 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00.

NOTE the time on Christmas Eve. The first Mass is at 5:00 p.m.

MASSSES ON NEW YEAR'S, also a holy day of obligation in Canada, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on New Year's Eve at 5:00 and on New Year's Day at 10:30 and 12:00 (no 9:00 a.m. Mass).

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEARS WILL BE FROM 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **Call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca**

SAVE THE DATE FOR A FREE SKATING EVENT

On December 30 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Milliken Mills Community Centre. All parishioners are welcome.

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED

and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

FAMILY PRAYER BEFORE A MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke Chapter 2: 1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader:

God of every nation and people,
From the very beginning of creation
You have made manifest your love:
When our need for a Savior was great
You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives, he brings joy and peace,
Justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
And raise our thoughts to him,
Who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
And who lives and reigns forever and ever. R. Amen.

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

If you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our Patron, St. Thomas the Apostle

FORMED

The Parish has paid for a subscription to Formed **FOR THE WHOLE PARISH.** This is only for parishioners. **You can register by going to: Formed.org** Put your own email and the parish access number which is: 6K2ZMY Then register and enjoy: when you are on the website you can go to Study, watch, listen or read.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2018 will be delivered to parishioners who live within the boundaries of our parish by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the Knights for taking on this project again this year. Those who live outside our parish area are asked to pick up their box of envelopes from the table at the back of the church. *These new envelopes should not be used until the new year.*

LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 8:10 and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **For more information, please contact Amy Rebeiz: 647-643-2232** amyrebeiz@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Father Allyn Rose to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents.

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