

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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*prepare the way...*

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Monday	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Monday	12:00 p.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Bert Chichioco (Family)
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	+Tomas Hashim (Hashim and Tiongson Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of Margaret Tse (Jefferson Tse)
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	+William Lapan Sr. (Livara Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Pius and Effie Goveas) (Family)
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	+Erneto B. Sombero (Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Bernadette Lai-Cheong (Family)
Friday	7:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Christine Ah-Chong (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Margaret D'Sylva (Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Agnes and Paul Poon (Family)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Pat Stuart
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the family and friends of Chit and Josephine Szeto
Sunday	5:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – For the people

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 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.



**Peace  
On Earth**

MAY OUR CELEBRATION  
OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
bring joy and peace to the people of our  
parish and their families.

Wishing all a Happy and Holy  
Christmas, from Father Allyn Rose,  
Father Patrick Gnanapragasam, Deacon  
Everis Munroe, Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto  
and parish staff, Aloma, Hill, Mark,  
Maureen and Jackie

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 5:00 p.m. and midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES 9:00, 10:30 and 12 Noon

ON BOXING DAY will be at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE  
MOTHER OF GOD – a holy day of obligation in Canada, will  
be at 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day at 10:30 and  
12:00 Noon. There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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

### 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.

MASS ON SATURAY MORNING WILL BE IN THE  
CHURCH AT 9:00 A.M.

## 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.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, Call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997. email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## 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](mailto:amyrebeiz@gmail.com)

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