

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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*prepare the way...*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday 12:10 p.m.**  
+Vito Genco  
(Family)

**Monday 7:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of  
Claudine and Wade Mak  
(Family)

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m.**  
+Joseph Pereira  
(A. D'Souza)

**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Eve – For the People

**Tuesday 12:00 a.m.**  
Christmas Eve – For the People

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**  
Christmas Day – For the People

**Wednesday 10:30 a.m.**  
Christmas Day – For the People

**Wednesday 12:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Day – For the People

**Thursday 9:00 a.m.**  
+Tomas N. Hashim  
(Hashim and Tiongson Families)

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.**  
**No evening Mass**

**Friday 12:10 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the  
intentions of Rex, Margaret,  
Jefferson and Giovanna Tse

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.**  
+Ernesto Sombero  
(Family)

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
+Pius and Effie Goveas  
(Family)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**  
+Margaret and Christopher D'Sylva  
+Valerie and Jackie Rodrigues

**Sunday 12:00 p.m.**  
+Bert Chichioco  
(Cely and Family)

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Andrew Carb, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Lawrence Lee, Maribel Monje, William Lee Ah-Chong, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Antonio Tiongson, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenault, Vartouhi Kapandjian, Ardemis Moushian, Josephine Pereira, Chuba Asad, Margaret Carter, Rita Yu, Louis Ma, Erlinda Tiongson, Belen Alcalde, Clemente Magnayi, Andrew, Junny and Afonso Hung, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Patricia Chong Ah Yan, Gonzalo San Luis, Gene Chong and Wing Yuen

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD** Violet Patel and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **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 MASSES**

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day: 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

### **BOXING DAY MASS**

9:00 a.m.

### **NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A Holy Day of Obligation)**

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day: 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

### **CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE WILL BE FROM 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon until December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

December 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon until January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Saviour 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

### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal: 7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received: (December 15<sup>th</sup> \$7,857.85 (includes PAG)**

### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **LEGION OF MARY**

**New Members are welcome.** The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 7:40 p.m. 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** [amy.rebeiz@gmail.com](mailto:amy.rebeiz@gmail.com)

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Mark Huang to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents. Call the parish office at 905-474-1224

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF YORK REGION**

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