

# 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 7:00 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 6:45 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

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

Monday through Friday from 11:45-12:00 and 6:30 to 6:45

## DEVOTIONS TO

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

## BAPTISMS

Will be the Second and Fourth 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

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350



<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Glenville and Virginia Stuart (Pat Stuart)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Louisa Lui (Family)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Intentions of Corazon Asilador and William Ah-Chong (JP and Virginie Chan)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:10 p. m.</b>
+Wing Pak Seto (Family)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Conrado Soriano (Family)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Gonzalo San Luis (Yolanda Ladines)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Georgina Guiseppi (Family)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Maria Asuncion Policarpio (Tiongson Family)	
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Vocations for the Priesthood	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Kassidy Chiu (John and Teresa Chiu)	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
+Maria Lee (Cheng Family)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
+Reinaldo Viera-Ribeiro (Family)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
+Ming Chow (Friends)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020

**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, Antonio Tiongson, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenaault, 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, Gene Chong, Wing Yuen, Maris-Stella Ram-Kumar, Ancilla Campo, Bernard Ho, Loretta Ho Agnes Yuen and William Liu

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Yusuf Dean, Andrew Felicien Carb and for those who have no one to pray for them.

***THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH OCCURS THIS WEEK  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL  
TAKE PLACE UNTIL BENEDICTION AT 11:45***

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING  
LENT AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. MASS**

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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 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.

### COME AND SEE WEEKEND

**March 13 – 15, 2020 at St. Augustine's Seminary**

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. **Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)** For more information, please contact the office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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### THE MONTHLY TRADITIONAL (LOW MASS)

Will be this Saturday at 12:00 Noon

**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.

## **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

We received \$6,434.30 February 23, 2020 (Includes pag)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5. 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11 – The Temptation of Jesus

### *Fasting and Feasting*

As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that “nature abhors a vacuum.”

This leads us to the practice of “fasting and feasting” in Lent. Through this practice we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season.

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - March 1, 2020**

### **Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings**

“The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.” – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

### **#KC6FORTAAL – A BENEFIT CONCERT**

In Collaboration with various Artists and groups in the GTA

March 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Prince of Peace Parish Peace Parish Hall – 265 Alton Towers Circle, Scarborough

### **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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