

# 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

Mother Teresa 905-475-8025

St. Benedict 905-475-9646

St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

## YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

[www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

## 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

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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

## 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.  
Intentions of  
Jean Pierre and Nora Ng Cheong and Family

Monday 7:30 p.m.  
+Mrs. Shiu Ngor Chan  
(Seto Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.  
+Nilo Abesamis  
(Family)

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Angelyn Ah-Chong  
(Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thiruchelvam and Family

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
+Maria Stella and Manuel Vales  
(Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
+Sabatino Le Donne  
(Le Donne Family)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
+Tony Mendonca  
(Anna and Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.  
For the living and deceased family and friends  
of Chit and Josephine Szeto

Friday 7:30 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Jean-Philippe and Virginie Chan

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Intentions of Cassidy Chiu  
(John and Teresa Chiu)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
+Olga D'Rozario  
(Atkins Family)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
For the people of the parish

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
+Sum Tung Wai-Yiu  
(Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
+Gorgonia Garcia  
(Garcia Family)

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 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 Kound Jian, Ester Cholakean and Fitzroy James

### PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

Lori Juan Gochioco and 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 we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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.

MASSES 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.

OUR ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL throughout the year and for Christmas baskets will be next weekend. Envelopes will be in the bulletin and on the table at the back of the church.

### SCHOOL CONFESSIONS AND ADVENT MASSES THIS WEEK

Confession will be at St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday at 9:00 and in the afternoon at 1:30 for St. Benedict. Mass will be Thursday at 9:00 for St. Francis Xavier and Friday at 9:30 at St. Benedict. Families are always invited to attend the School Masses.

## 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.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **Contact 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)

CHRISTMAS CAKES AND CARDS are available for purchase after Mass in support of the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus

## 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.

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)**

## 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.

## CANADIAN HEARTS AND HANDS: A MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

**It is always a pleasure to welcome new volunteers - many are needed to satisfy the need but just one, can make the difference. Below I have listed the names and days/time of the GTA projects. Feel free to google [canadianheartsandhands.ca](http://canadianheartsandhands.ca) All the GTA projects are served on Sundays of every month (no exceptions) as follows:**

- **First Sunday - St Vincent's kitchen, 51 King St. East, Oshawa. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Determine menu, prepare and serve a four-course meal and clean up.**
- **Second Sunday - Happy Hour (prerequisites: TB shots and police clearance) Tendercare Living Center, 1020 McNicoll Avenue, Scarborough, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Serving seniors in Scarborough. Help them play BINGO and other games (prerequisites not necessary for games only)**
- **Third Sunday - Good Shepherd, 412 Queen St. East, downtown TO. 8:00 am to noon: make beds, do laundry, help in kitchen, sort out food or where ever needed.**

## 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](http://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.

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