

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018

Monday 9:00 a.m.  
+Archimedes Abella  
(Family)

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

Monday 12:00 a.m.  
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Tuesday 9:00 a.m.  
**Christmas Day – For the People**

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

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

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.  
+Bert Chichioco  
(Family)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
+Tomas Hashim  
(Hashim and Tiongson Families)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
+Sit Mui Wong  
(Chit Bulos)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
+S. J. Jesuthsan  
(Family)

Friday 12:10 p.m.  
+Ernesto Sombero  
(Family)

Friday  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Josephine and Chit Szeto

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
+Magno and Cipriana Dinglasan  
(Family)

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
+Agnes and Paul Poon  
(Family)

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
+Margaret and Christopher D'Sylva  
+Valerie and Jackie Rodrigues  
(Family)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Anne Canagasuriam, Johnny Luu, Eric Maddan, Luiza Pinto, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Katie Fung, Paula Mackie, Andrew Carb, Joe De Juan, Agnes Yuen, Loreen Mohammed, Carolyn Evens, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Joe Leo, Edward Ramsay, Lawrence Lee, Mary Ann Molinari

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Father Francis Voorwerk 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 MASSES

**12:10 and 7:30 p.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.

THE MONTHLY TRADITIONAL (LOW MASS) WILL

**Will be held on the Frist Saturday of every month beginning on January 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 our 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

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 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 or [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

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

In the new year we will be starting a campaign to raise funds for a new and improved sound system for the parish. We had a sound engineer come in and look at the current system and we were told that at best we would get a 10% improvement if we tried rebalancing what we have. Apparently, we were given a one size fits all model which was not designed for the contours of church space. A new system, designed for our worship space, will cost approximately \$50,000. We are hoping to raise half of this cost with new donations and pay the rest from our savings. You can make a donation specifically for the sound system by visiting the parish office during office hours or you could put a donation in the basket at Mass in a **different envelope** written in bold (with your envelope number). **Please specifically state that the donation is for the sound system** since 100% of all monies raised for a specific project goes directly towards that project and no portion of it will taken by the Archdiocesan parish assessment.

RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER

As part of our initiative to raise funds for a new sound system we would like to put together a parish cookbook which we would then make available for purchase. We are looking for Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Vegetables, Pastas, Beef, Pork, Lamb, Other Meats, Fish, Breads, Desserts, etc. If you would like to contribute a recipe to the parish cookbook, please send your recipes to [st.thomasrecipes@gmail.com](mailto:st.thomasrecipes@gmail.com). Be sure to include in your recipes a list of ingredients with their portions and step by step cooking

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