

# 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



**Monday 12:10 p.m.**

+Ruth Pullen  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Jim Genco  
(Family)

**Tuesday 12:10 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory  
(Rosa)

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**Ash Wednesday 12:10 p.m.**

+Roger Li Pook Than  
(Mary Grace)

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**

+Joseph Soosaipillai  
(Family)

**Thursday 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Father Steven Szakaczki  
(Mary Anne Coutinho and Family)

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Marie Agatha Tse  
(Family)

**Friday 12:10 p.m.**

+Francisco and Ophelia Papa  
(Family)

**Friday: 7:00 p.m.**

+Arthur, Bertina and Marcia Ishmail  
(Family)

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.**

+Vito Virzi  
(Giovanna Virzi)

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

+Maxime and Marie Anne Chan-Yan-Fong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

For the Living and deceased Sisters  
of St. Mary of Leuca and for their living and  
deceased family Members  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

+Teresa Wu  
(Family)

**Sunday 12:00 p.m.**

For the People of the Parish

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 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 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, Gene Chong, Wing Yuen, Maris-Stella Ram-Kumar, Ancilla Campo, Bernard Ho, Loretta Ho Agnes Yuen and William Liu

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** For those who have no one to pray them.

### **MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

are as usual at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering of a "looney or tooney" to begin our Parish ShareLife Campaign. Ashes will also be distributed during a paraliturgy at our parish Catholic Schools: St. Benedict (9:20), St. Francis Xavier (9:00)

**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting from ages 14 – 59 (or later if healthy enough) and no meat.**

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

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If 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)

### **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)

### **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.

**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 \$6,499.70 February 16, 2020 (Includes pag)

### **7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 3. 16-23**

**Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48 – Love your Enemies**

### *Growing in Stewardship and Holiness*

Holiness and perfection. These are the ideals that the readings this Sunday call us to. In the first reading from Leviticus the Lord tells Moses, “be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Similarly, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to “be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is Jesus calling us to an impossible standard? Of course not, for Jesus would not call us to something and not strengthen us to achieve it.

Many people may think that holiness is the prize for the elite reserved only for popes and bishops and saints. However, the Second Vatican Council decrees that all children of God have a universal call to holiness. The Council says that “all Christ’s faithful, whatever be the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives- and indeed through all these, will daily increase in holiness, if they receive all things with faith from the hand of their heavenly Father and if they cooperate with the divine will” (Lumen Gentium, 41).

Essentially, Lumen Gentium teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. This is the crux of what it means to be a steward. So, we can strive for holiness through our path of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we move closer, through God’s grace, towards holiness.

### **#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

### **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2020**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM at the Metro Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street West, Toronto.

The theme for the Rally: “Jesus, Light of the World.” The keynote speaker is Fr. James Mallon, Author of “Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish”. Eucharistic Celebration towards the end of the rally presided over by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also powerful Christian music, inspiring personal testimony, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic adoration procession.

Simultaneous Youth Rally for ages 13 to 18 in a hall right door.

**Tickets: Adult Rally \$25 & Youth Rally \$15 can be had from Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto by March 1, 2020.**

**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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