# 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	90:
St. Francis Xavier	90:

905-475-9646 905-470-2225

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 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
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent	de Paul 905-474	4-1224 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.
•	ons of Monica Logtenberg
	(Jackie Mackenzie)
Monday	7:00 p.m.
	+Emelina Mendez
	(Daisy and Maria)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
	- +Ben Messore
	(Ostrom Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
+Ma	aster Chung Yuen Yam
	(Leung Family)
Wednesda	
	+Gisel Thomas
(Eds	on and Marilyn Thomas)
Wednesda	ay 7:00 p.m.
	+Lester Chang
	(Lyn Family)
Thursday	<b>12:10 p.m</b> .
Living and c	leceased Family and Friends of
Ch	t and Josephine Szeto
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
	+Yusuf Dean
	(Father Allyn Rose)
Friday	12:10 p.m.
Living an	d deceased Members of the
	Demers Family
<b>.</b>	(Atkins Family)
Friday:	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> +F. X. Fernandes
Cotundou	(Pereira Family)
Saturday	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Saturuay	+Tracy Fernandes
(Anth	ony and Flavia de Souza)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Canady	+Wing Pak Seto
	(Family)
Sunday	10:30 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

#### Sunday

#### 12:00 p.m.

+Andrew Felicien Carb (Family)

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, 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, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Gene Chong, Maris-Stella Ram-Kumar, Ancilla Campo, Bernard Ho, Loretta Ho Agnes Yuen and William Liu

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**: Master Chung Yuen Yam, Wilfried Bobsin and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997email vocations@archtoronto.org 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.

# LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome.The senior Legion meets in the sacristy onThursday at 7:40 p.m. and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00p.m. in the parish hall.For more information, please contact AmyRebeiz: 647-643-2232amy.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

Main office: 21 Dunlop Street, Unit 101 Richmond Hill L4C 2M6 1-800-263-2075, 905-770-7040 Ext 241 – Counselling. CCSYR is a multicultural agency and welcomes people from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. CCSYR is a member of Family Service Ontario and is accredited by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation All locations are wheelchair 833-1909 or <u>admissions@villanovacollege.ca</u> **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 \$6,549.27 March 8, 2020 (Includes pag)

<u>3rd Sunday of Lent</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17, 3-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5, 1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4. 5-42 – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

# Living in the Living Waters

In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was "tired" yet He still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that "the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Through this image of water Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children (CCC 728

As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and the strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. It is important to have all of our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord's grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2020

# Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

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

# QUEBEC PILGRIMAGE IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE – JULY 10 – 12, 2010

Visiting: Our Lady of the Cape (Notre Dame du Cap), St. Anne-de-Beaupre, St. Patrick, Le Montmarte, Our Lady of Lourdes More information on the Bulletin Board or Contact: Alicia Moo Choy (416) 953-6111 Email: lyna005@yahoo.ca

