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

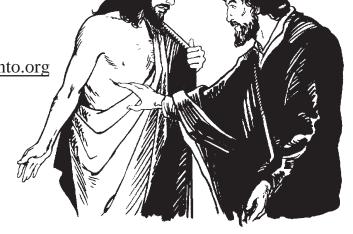
Will be the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

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.



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DAY CARE

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All Weekend and weekday Masses have been cancelled until further notice.

The Church and Offices are closed until further notice.

The phone and email are checked each day.

Father Allyn Rose and Father
Patrick will be available for
confession by appointment.
Leave your Name and number and
they will get back to you.

They are also available for anointing of the sick

The Masses each day are said for the People of the parish. No one can attend these but they are offered for this intention.

No other Mass intentions will be accepted at this time.

Church Secretary cell phone number if you need to get in touch. Jackie Mackenzie 647-530-8872

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY MAY 17, 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, William Liu, Helen Dvorak, Edilberto Claveria and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Father Basil O'Brien, for all those who have died from the Covid -19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288)

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

(after this trial of Coved-19) we look forward to Confirmation in our Parish by the Fall.

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VULNERABLE PARISHONSERS If you feel you need help with groceries please contact the parish office. 905-474-1224

email: stthomastheapostle@bellnet.ca

Our weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) we received \$2,351.62 May 10, 2020 includes what people have mailed in, dropped off and Pag.

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