

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

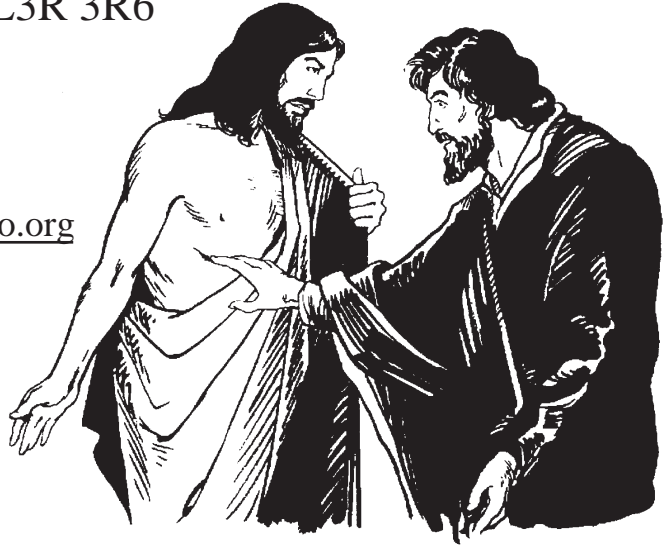
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

By appointment only: 416-799-0407

## 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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#### Organists

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Monday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Primitiua Paquioag (Friends)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Virginia Stuart (Pat Stuart)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Corazon Asilador and William Lee Ah-Chong
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Josephine Pereira (Tony Pereira and Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Maria Asuncion Policarpio (Tiongson and Policarpio Families)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Maria Lee (Cheng Family)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Lester Chin (Alicia Lyn)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2021

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D'Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Marcus Rodrigues, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Theresita Siao, Angelo Drago, Marien Pereira, , Sam Di Blasi and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Amedeo Nardone, Jennifer Jacob, all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY – REMAINS THE SAME AT 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY – 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. AND 12:00 NOON

THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR CLEANING  
AFTER EACH MASS

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

*ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Thursday before the evening Mass  
(Thursday Evening during Lent)*

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK  
DAILY 12:10 MASS AND SUNDAY 10:00 MASS

ANYBODY EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF  
THE COVID VIRUS

**Are to remain at home. They are dispensed from coming to church.**

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE WEBSITE  
FOR THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND  
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE.

## Gospel Reading – Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is Transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John.

**On the Second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.**

**The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about His passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.**

**In each case, Jesus takes three of His disciples – Peter, James and John – to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is a reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.**

**Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at His Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.**

**On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed His Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.**

**In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness His passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.**

(Loyola Press)

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. Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order.

### PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received \$7,184.04 - February 21, 2021 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

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