

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 8:00, 10:00 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 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only.

Father Allyn Rose: 416-799-0407

Father Patrick Gnanapragasam: 647-877-1774

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”

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Monday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Maronite Mass
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Peter and Jesuina Fernandes (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Ernest Ambrose (Friends)
Wednesday	12:10 p. m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Jennifer Jacob (Clothilda Pais)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim and Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Wong Lum Shee (Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Susan Wong (Alicia Lyn)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+James Aquino (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Anna Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 21, 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, 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: Leo Del Medico 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
NAMES ADDED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY
WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT THE USHERS
HAVE.

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 \$5,460.05 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

Gospel Reading – John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches His disciples about the way in which He will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead – an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted His suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared His disciples to believe in the salvation that His death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that His dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be His disciples must follow His example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before His arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question He raises when asking God to save Him from His impending death. After announcing His conviction that it is for this purpose that He came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration – events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel – affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in Him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand His passion, death and Resurrection. Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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