

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.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021

Monday 12:10 p.m.
 +Miguel Francisco
 (Family and Friends)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
 +Leonardo Del Medico
 (Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
 +Leonardo Del Medico
 (Maria Creta and the Rosary Group)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday
 +Mrs. Lai-Ying Poon
 (Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
 Intentions of
 Joseph, Alex and Amy Cheng
 (Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.
 +Wing Pak Seto
 (Family)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
 +Rolly Papa
 (Family)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 For the People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 +John Mackenzie
 (Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 +Licia Spiteri
 (Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
 Souls in Purgatory

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, Yin Lai Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Sui Kuen Cheng, Timen Ho, all who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED and those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord who has given them the grace of the sacraments help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. *Thanks to their catechists and sponsors who accompanied them through the Rite of Christian Initiation.*

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO PREPARE THE CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK. The Sisters of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, for their beautiful decorations, the ushers, who had the extra task of keeping everyone safe, lectors, catechists – let us be thankful for all who offer their time and talent to serve God and one another in our parish for Easter and throughout the whole year.

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. WE ARE DOWN TO 15% 106 PER MASS

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 \$7,565.95 – April 4th (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

Commentary on the Readings for April 11, 2021

The Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Sunday after Easter continues to reflect the joy of Easter as it should, and we should not let it fade from our daily lives so easily. It is something to be nourished through prayer and meditation. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central theme and event of all Christianity, and the more we understand it, the more meaningful our life here on earth will be to ourselves and to others. Just listen to the readings and see how they tune into this concept.

The **First Reading** is from the **Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35)**. In this passage we read that all the followers of Jesus, not just the Apostles, were so enthusiastic about this “new way” of life that they lived in communities in order to share everything, both material and spiritual. This way they could help in nourishing and sharing their new found spiritual life in Christ with each other. Because of this joy many others came to believe and “*the Lord added to their number.*”

The **Responsorial Psalm (118:2-24)** is a continuation of the same Psalm from Easter Sunday. It is an important liturgical poem sung at the Jewish Seder or Passover Meal. It recalls how the Israelites implored the God of Israel to save them from slavery to the Egyptians and how God came to their rescue. The Psalmist then goes on to offer praises of thanksgiving acknowledging God’s benevolence.

The **Second Reading** is from the **First Letter of John (5:1-6)**. This is a brief summary of the Christian life then and now. We should think of Christ’s Resurrection 2000 years ago - but also, we should think about it on a daily basis as something that God does for us in every Mass that is offered on our behalf – not just those we attend, but all Masses. They are the greatest prayers of thanksgiving that one could offer for this sublime act of Divine Love.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the **Gospel of John (20:19-31)**. Put yourself in this scene. It is the night of the Resurrection and Jesus appears in all His Divine Glory before the Apostles. Can you imagine the joy after the shock subsides? The Apostles must have been bouncing all over the room. Then later, Thomas, who wasn’t there, throws cold water on that first event when he learns about it by refusing to believe. It takes another appearance of Jesus to convince Thomas who then utters that great phrase of humility, **My Lord and my God!”**

Sometimes God allows us to doubt, in order for us to get moving toward finding the truth through prayer or study or both. So, we need to ask ourselves are we sometimes like Thomas, having a difficult time in believing? If so, then what are we going to do about it? Do not let doubts rob you of the joy that God wants all of us to have. Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

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