

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

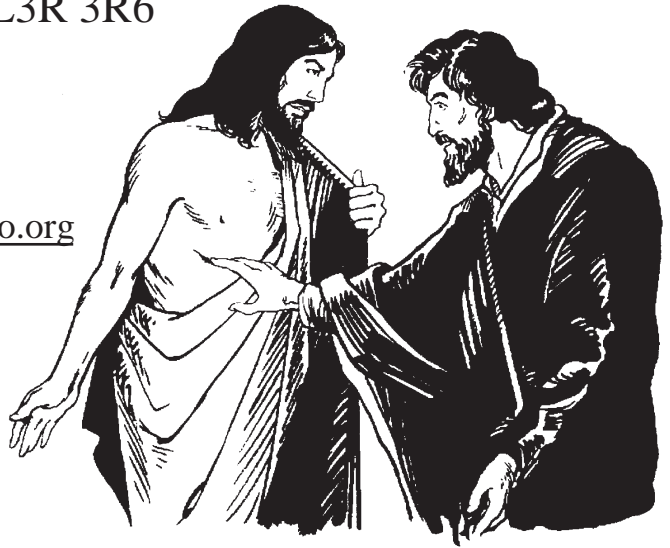
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

### SCHOOLS

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St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary Holland (Jackie Mackenzie)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Agatha Moo Choy (Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Josephine and Chit Szeto (JP and Virginie Chan)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Louisa de Souza (Family)
Wednesday		+John Tang (Family)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Leonardo Del Medico (Di Blasi Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maronites (another Rite)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Peter Woo (Marisa Chung)
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	+Hing-Lan Leung (Yu Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Monica Tavares (Family)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Cornelia Soberano (Pascua Family)

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

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Deacon Stanley MacLellan, Angelo Drago, 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.

THE HOUR OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT WILL BE CANCELLED UNTIL THE  
GOVERNMENT LOCK DOWN IS OVER.

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

**CHOOSE ONE MASS TO ATTEND AND BE ON TIME AS  
THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE ALLOWED IN  
WHEN MASS BEGINS.**

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 \$5,303.50 – April 11<sup>th</sup> (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

## **The Third Sunday of Easter Commentary on the Gospel**

Our Lord's glorious resurrection is the crowning miracle of His sojourn on earth among men. It is the foundation and cornerstone of our Christian religion. His death on Calvary proved that He was really human; His resurrection proved He was also Divine. During His public life He had claimed to be God. Had that claim been untrue God the Father could not have raised Him from the dead. By His death He made atonement for the sins of the world – "He Nailed them to the tree of the cross"; by His resurrection He opened the gates of death for all men and made them heirs to eternal life.

We need hardly delay to prove the fact of the Resurrection of Christ, for without it there would have been no Christianity, no Christian Church. In the story of the appearance which precedes today's Gospel, we are told how two of Christ's disciples were so depressed and disoriented by His death that they were giving up all interest in the dead Master and were returning home at the first opportunity (the Sabbath Saturday, had intervened and they could not travel on that day). The Apostles were no better since Good Friday. They had remained behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They had no hope left. They too would have left Jerusalem that Sunday, were it not for the story brought by Mary Magdalene that Christ's body had been taken from the tomb. When the risen Christ appeared to the ten Apostles (Thomas was absent) they thought He was a ghost, so far were their thoughts from a possible resurrection.

When the truth sank into their minds; however, they became changed men. After Pentecost day they fearlessly proclaimed to the Jews, of whom they had been frightened, that Christ whom those same Jews had crucified, had risen and was now glorified by the Father. Thousands of Jews in Jerusalem had come to believe in Christ, because they were convinced, He had risen and was the Messiah and the Son of God, as He claimed to be. The four Evangelists testify to the truth of the resurrection and we have the exceptional witness of St. Paul whose radical change of life can have only one explanation – He saw the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

Of the fact of the Resurrection, we can have no doubts; Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for almost 2000 thousand years. A more important point for consideration today is what this Resurrection means to us. "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But, "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the founder and foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and His Resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. We shall all rise again, in glory if we have been faithful during our time on earth, in a less pleasant state, if we have not followed Christ here below.

Human life has always been the great enigma for philosophers down through the ages. The Resurrection of Christ, which causes and guarantees our resurrection, is the one and only explanation of that enigma. If death were the end of man, with all his gifts of intellect and will; if the grave were to enclose forever this noble being whom God has raised above all other earthly creatures and has endowed with super-mundane gifts and aspirations, then indeed man's sojourn on earth would be an inexplicable enigma. But the gifts God gave to man were not simply to help him to make a precarious living and enjoy a fleeting happiness, interspersed with much sadness, for sixty, seventy or even a hundred years. No, they were intended to last for eternity and to reach their real fruition in eternity.

With St. Paul then, we may well sing out today: "O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting? Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 14: 55- 57). Yes, Easter time is time of rejoicing for every true Christian. It is a time for Alleluias, for praising and thanking God. Our happy future is within our reach. Our eternal happiness has been won for us by Christ and is within our grasp, if only we hold fast to the true faith of Christ, taking the rough with the smooth, going through our lesser Gethsemanes and Calvaries as Christ went through His great ones. If we do this, we can hopefully await the angel who will roll back the stone from our grave one day, and allow us to enter into the glory of the eternal Easter in Heaven. (Excerpted from the Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.)

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