

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

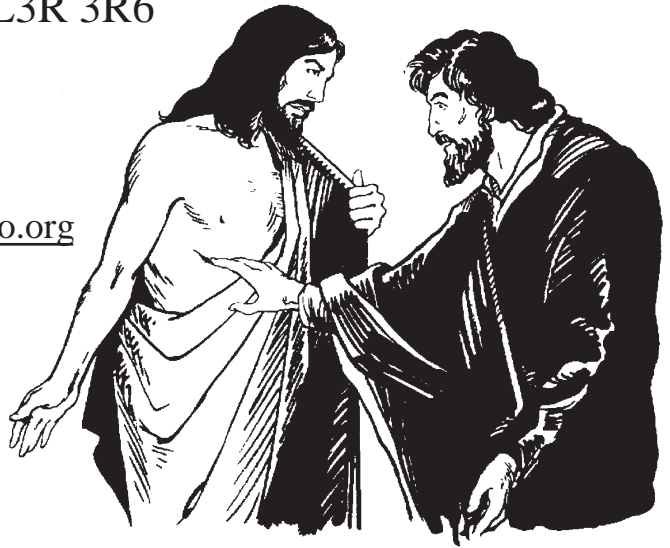
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY MAY 16, 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, 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: Those who have died from Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK

ALL MASSES ARE OFFERED FOR THE PEOPLE
AND FOR THOSE SICK WITH COVID

Monday to Friday	12:10 p.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.

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The Parish Office will be closed for the duration of the Shutdown.
Messages on phone and internet will be checked once a day.

PARISH OFFERTORY **Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**
We received \$4,476.70 – May 6, 2021 (Includes PAG, Donate now, etc.)

HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAYS
FROM 3:00 – 7:00 P.M.
SIGN UP ON OUR WEB PAGE, GO TO SIGN UP GENIUS.
THE SIGN-UP CLOSSES AT 1:00 P.M. ON FRIDAYS.

Commentary on The Ascension of the Lord

The Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension reminds us of another fact. The same Christ who encourages us to carry out our task in the world, awaits us in heaven as well. In other words, our life on earth, which we love, is not definitive. "We do not have a permanent dwelling-place here, but we seek that which is to come," a changeless home, where we may live forever.

Still, we must be careful not to interpret the Word of God within limits that are too narrow. Our Lord does not expect us to be unhappy in our life on earth and await a reward only in the next life. God wants us to be happy on earth too, but with a desire for the other, total happiness that only He can give.

In this life, the contemplation of supernatural reality, the action of grace in our souls, our love for neighbor as a result of our love for God – all these are already a foretaste of heaven, a beginning that is destined to grow from day to day. We Christians cannot resign ourselves to leading a double life: our life must be a strong and simple unity into which all our actions converge.

Christ awaits us. We are "citizens of heaven," and at the same time fully-fledged citizens of this earth, in the midst of difficulties, injustices and lack of understanding, but also in the midst of the joy and serenity that comes from knowing that we are children of God. Let us persevere in the service of our God, and we will see the growth in numbers and in sanctity of this Christian army of peace, of this co-redeeming people. Let us be contemplative souls, carry on an unceasing dialogue with our Lord at all hours – from the first thought of the day to the last, turning our heart constantly toward our Lord Jesus Christ, going to Him through our Mother, Holy Mary, and through Him to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

If, in spite of everything, Jesus' Ascension into heaven leaves a certain taste of sadness in our souls, let us go to His Mother, as the Apostles did. "They returned to Jerusalem...and they prayed with one mind...together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus."

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