

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY MAY 23, 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: Elaine Lui, for 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 \$3,453.00 – May 14, 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 Pentecost

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19 – 23

Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Solemnity of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20: 19 – 23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to know that after His death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His disciples a helper, and Advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the Solemnity of Pentecost, John 20:19 – 23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath". This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's Sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people

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