

# 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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### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
CORPUS CHRISTI  
SUNDAY JUNE 6, 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: Cristobal Cruz, Jesse James Duggen, 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.**

All Confessions are by appointment

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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 \$4,618.00 - May 28, 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 CLOSES AT 1:00 P.M. ON FRIDAYS.

**Commentary on The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi.**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ popularly known as Corpus Christi. It was introduced in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century to encourage the faithful to give special adoration to the Holy Eucharist.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi today, both our first and second reading talks about covenant, sacrifice, and blood. According to the first reading, the old covenant was sealed with the blood of animal sacrifice which Moses sprinkled on the people. On the contrary, the second reading reminds us that the new covenant was sealed with the Blood of Christ. This is what makes the functional difference.

Hence, the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ is the game changer. While the first covenant never guaranteed eternal life, the new does because it was sealed with a costly blood through a perfect sacrifice offered once and for all.

In the gospel, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist. Here He was both the priest and the victim. This is another difference between the new and the old covenant. As the priest, Christ offered Himself to God for our salvation. So, it is important to note that whenever we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Christ is fully present both as the priest and as the victim.

He accomplishes His priesthood through the actions of the human priest, who is *alter Christus* (*another Christ*) and, who acts “*in persona Christi (in the person of Christ)*.” On the other hand, He accomplishes His role as a victim in the form of bread and wine. All these put together is what we refer to as an “action of grace.”

The church teaches us that: “The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Christian life... For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself...The Eucharist is also the culmination both of God’s action, sanctifying the world in Christ and, of the worship men offer to Christ. In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith...” (CCC1324-5)

Therefore, today’s celebration is a celebration of life, salvation and grace. It teaches us, that as real food, the Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Christ which nourishes our soul. It is a concrete way through which Christ is divinely present with us every day and moment.

This means that we should adore and offer Christ the reverence due to Him. Any moment spent in the presence of the Most Holy Sacrament is both a golden moment and a moment of grace. Let us adore Christ saying: “*Oh Sacrament Most Holy; Oh, Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.*”

Father Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

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