

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

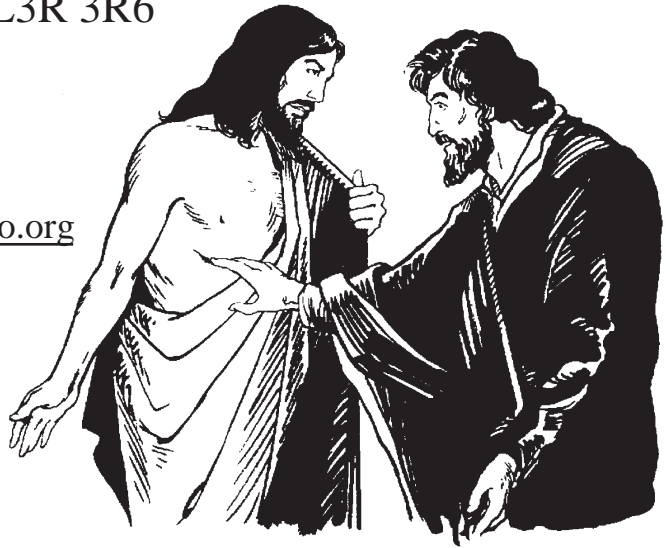
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY JUNE 13, 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: 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 \$4,792.15 – June 4, 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.

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

After Lent, the Easter Season, and three Sundays of Feast Days – Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carried a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal His identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, He warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:35 and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern His message. Only to His disciples does He explain the parable’s meaning and He does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds, in the first Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the Kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by His life, miracles, teaching and suffering. However, the Kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and His group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s Kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s Kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the Kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and His Kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “Thy Kingdom Come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

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