

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

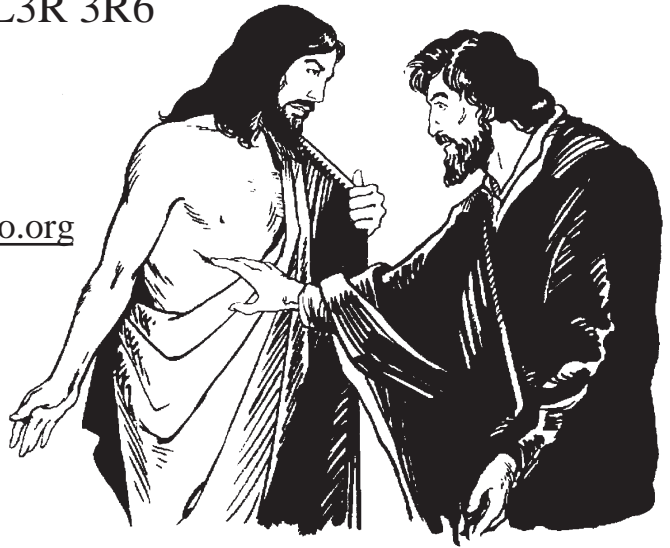
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY JULY 4, 2021

Monday 12:10 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

Monday 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intention  
of Jefferson Tse  
(Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
+Francis Xavier Fernandes  
(Anthony Pereira and Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.  
+Shiu-Kai Poon  
(Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Sister Emma Ling  
(Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.  
+Percival Millo  
(Andrea Redoblado)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Giovanna Tse  
(Family)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
+Vito and Vita Ponzo  
(Franca Ponza and Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
+Francis Tan Ah Chong  
+Peter Leong  
(Cheng Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
+Pius Goveas  
(Family)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
+Antonio Tiongson  
(Tiongson 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, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: All who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES ON FACEBOOK  
**DAILY 12:10 MASS, SATURDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M.**  
**AND SUNDAY 10:00 MASS**

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE  
WEBSITE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS  
YOU WISH TO ATTEND

NAMES ADDED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON  
SATURDAY WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT  
THE USHERS HAVE.  
WE ARE ALLOWED 25%  
178 PER MASS

**PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**  
**We received \$6,994.50 – June 27, 2021 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

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. 2021 Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

## Jesus is rejected in His hometown

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of His ministry to His disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In His hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and His early life. Jesus' kinsfolk knows Him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from His father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother and sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinsfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by His own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus Himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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