

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

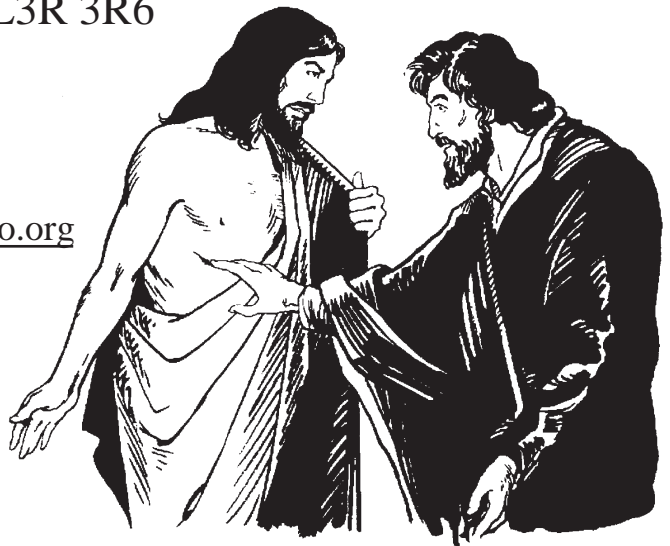
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	90-475-2536
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
+Barbara Lopez (Family)	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Constantine and Sharlene Panthaki (Coutinho Family)	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Arlinda Fernandes (Family)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
+Maria Christina Colaco (Family)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
+Mohan Rajendra	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Father Allyn Rose (Coutinho Family)	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz (Zosia Robas Zek	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+Rose Cottam (Family)	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
+Teresa Chiu (Jefferson Tse)	

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, Angel Sevilla, Sean Munroe and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will return on Thursday and Friday  
After the 12:10 Mass till the 7:00 p.m. Mass

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

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
**Due to the protocols surrounding COVID-19, THIS YEAR'S Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has unfortunately been Cancelled at our seven Catholic cemeteries.**

**His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate and livestream a special Mass in honour of our faithful departed on Wednesday August 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michaels Cathedral Basilica. The Mass can be viewed here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live).**

**PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**  
**We received \$5,223.50 – Aug 1, 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

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 6:41-51**

**Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what He means when He says that He came down from Heaven.**

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that He is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops His connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that He was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding His identity. They knew His family, and they knew He was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when He said that He came down from Heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize Him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about His unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the Bread of Life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and He tells us that the Bread of Life will be His own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as He did in last week’s Gospel, that He is the Bread of Life. We also hear Jesus add that He is the Living Bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

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