

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

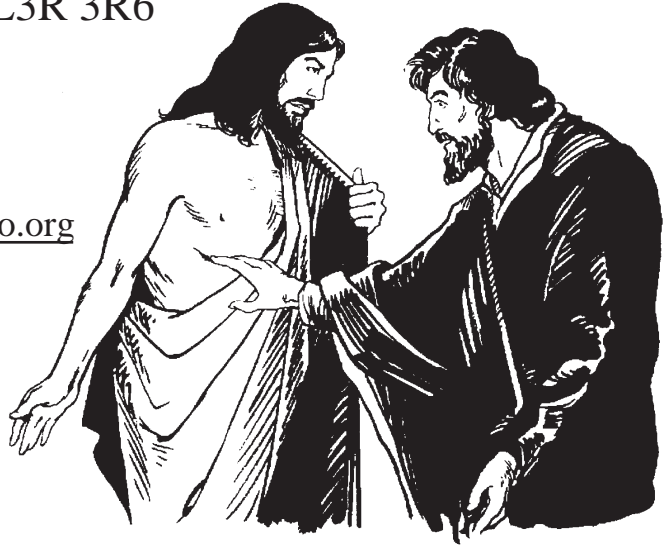
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.
+Joan Fernandes (Family)	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
+Yvonne Barreto (Family)	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
+Leonardo Del Medico (Melina and Family)	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
+Pedro Rozario (Margaret and Joseph Shu)	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Agustine Jeyanathan (Albert Family)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
+Cecilia Mary Pais (Florence Hsu)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
+Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.
+Kazimierz Starkiewicz (Family)	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+Josephine Pereire (Tony Pereira and Family)	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
For the People in the Parish	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	

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: Agnes Yu, Frances Maroosis, those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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**

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$4,621.79 – Aug 15, 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 6:60 - 69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

For our Gospel today, we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that He is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’s disciples ceased to follow Him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns His attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to Him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about Himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciple, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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