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

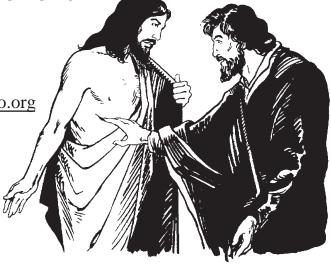
Will be the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

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"

SCHOOLS

St.	Benedict
St.	Francis Xavier

905-475-9646 905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
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Philip Lee	905-475-6776
Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062
	Winnie Thien Liz Pinto Juliette Huang Amy Rebeiz Juliette Huang Al Jacob de Paul 905-47 Philip Lee

PARISH MUSICIANS Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	90-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350



Monday Monday	9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m. No Evening Mass			
Tuesday	12:10 p.m. +Wai San Leung			
Tuesday	(Bernadine Cheung) 7:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory			
(Alicia Lyn) Wednesday 12:10 p.m. +Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family				
Wednesd	(Family) ay 7:00 p.m. +Ayesha Navarro (Family)			
Thursday	12:10 p.m. ntentions of Paul Zilio (Rose Family)			
	7:00 p.m. oseph Matthew Pereira hony Pereira and family)			
Friday	12:10 p.m. +Rose Coltam (Family)			
Friday:	7:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory			

Saturday 9:00 a.m. +Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m. +Sebastian, Philomena, Julie and Anna Lobo (Francis Fernandes)

Sunday 8:00 a.m. +Wilkin Wong (Family)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. +Ciriaco Bulaon (Tiongson Family)

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

<u>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</u> <u>IN ORDINARY TIME</u> <u>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2021</u>

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, Aubrey Yee-Sang, Suzanne Chin-Loy and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: for 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

ON HOLIDAY MONDAY THERE WILL BE ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.

DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES OF A MARRIAGE LIVED AS GOD INTENDS IT.

Join us for a weekend: October 22-24, 2021 Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways tht normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge and Gerard McCauley at <u>Gerard.marge@rogers.com</u> or (905) 792-1925

website: wwme.org

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) We received \$5,432.25 – Aug 29, 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

LIVING ROSARY ON THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The Legion of Mary is inviting all of you to Living Rosary prayers to celebrate the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother Mary. This event will be held on September 8, 2021 (Wednesday) at 6:15 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. daily Mass at the Grotto, weather permitting.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7: 41-37

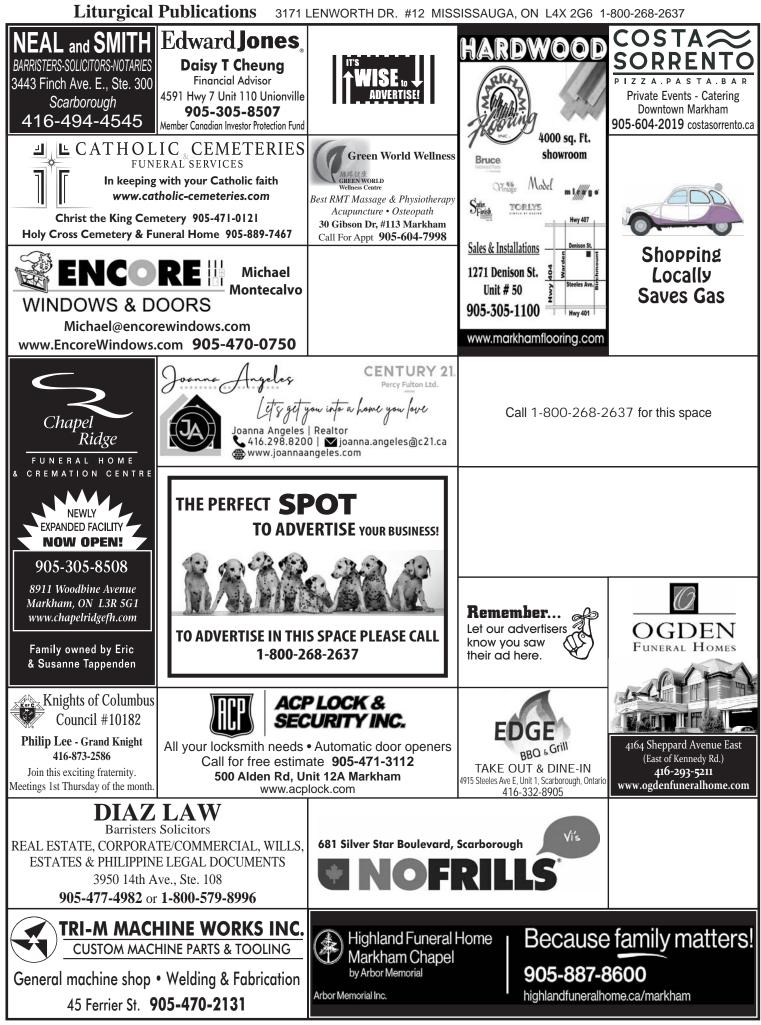
Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power and in it we find clues about our understanding of the Sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the Sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are Anointed with Holy Oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a Sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us though these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brough the deaf man to Him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophoenician woman who asks Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and He heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christiaan community, which found that the Good News of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of His identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "Messianic Secret."

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