

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

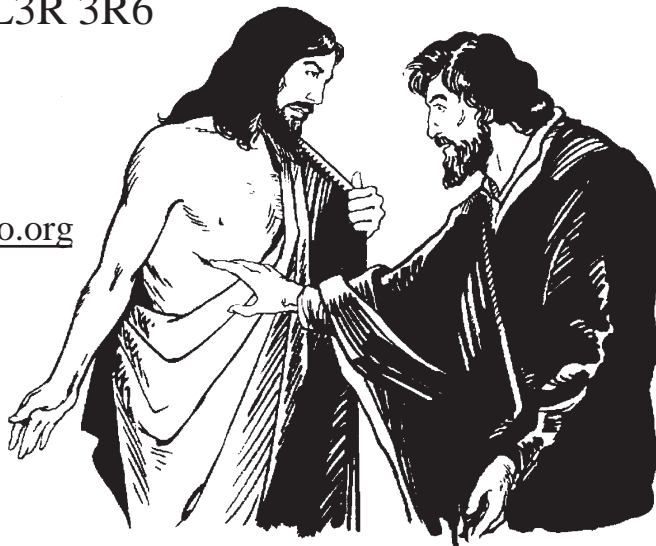
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.
+Peter Wong (Seck Family)	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
+Mei-Lan Leung (Yu Family)	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
+Mercy Melanie Ranchigoda (Family)	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz (Zosia Robaszek)	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
+Agnes Yu (Seck Family)	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Joanna Alphonso (Godmother)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
+Anna Cheong and Lim Seck Chew (Cheng Family)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
+Doreen Thambirajah (Family)	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
Timoteo Bernal (Family)	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Donna Lee (Family)	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
+Danny O'Brien (Atkins Family)	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+Alvin Smith (Jackie Mackenzie)	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intention  
of the Simmons Family

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

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**

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**PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received \$6,767.90 September 5, 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**

### **Mark 8: 27 - 35**

**Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow Him must take up his or her cross.**

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized His identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about Him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "The Anointed One." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for Himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of His ministry: He will be rejected, must suffer and die and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in His disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting His disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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