

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

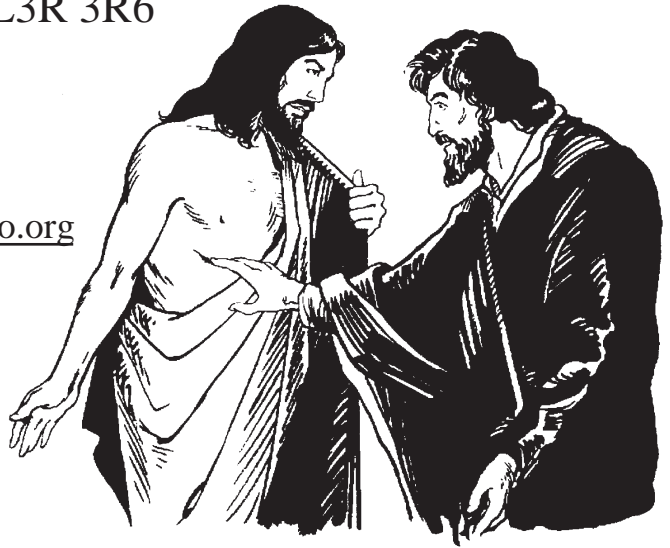
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Benjamin Flores (Hashim and Tiongson Families)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Maryse Da Silva (Alicia Lyn)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Ann Canagasuriam (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mr. Shiu-Kai Poon (Jefferson Tse)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Lolly Soesatyo (Maria Lim)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Mercy Melanie Ranchigoda (Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Kevin Fernandez (Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Agripina Aldana Frialde
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	+Jennifer Jacob (Family)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Bernadette Tow-Ying Ah-Chong (JP and Virginie Chan)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Francis Tavares (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Rodrigues Family

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OCTOBER 24, 2021

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, Aubrey Yee-Sang, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen 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.

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.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK WILL BE
HERE NEXT WEEKEND – OCTOBER 30/31
We accept all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery,
towels, Toys (new or nearly new.) We do not accept
books, construction material, dishes, furniture, video
or audio cassettes.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$6,318.01 (October 17, 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 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies Him as He journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded Him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to Him, asking for His pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' works). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after His rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before He enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith – "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show Himself to be the Messiah through His suffering and death.

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