

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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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday	12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family	
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Edith Lee (Josephine and Chit Szeto)	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory (Yu Family)	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory (Alicia Lyn)	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Tang Family	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Barney Rode (Rayner Family)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Father Patrick Gnanapragasam on his 75 th Birthday (Jefferson Tse)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory (JP and Virginie Chan)	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.
+Arlinda Fernandes (Family)	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Deceased Auxiliary Members and members of the Legion of Mary (Mary Help of Christians Praesidium Legion of Mary)	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
+Klaus Doose (Cheng Family)	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
+Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jefferson Tse)	

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2021

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, 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: Lilia Tiongson and 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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**We received, \$6,180.71 (October 31, 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

God speaks to us in many ways
including through the Sunday Scripture readings.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146: 7,8-9-10

A Prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; He will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 12:38-44

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attentions from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions – two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for His disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus Himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as He gives His life for us on the cross.

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