

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.
+Jesuina and Peter Fernandes
(Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Huang, Ling
and Tsoi-a-Sue Families
(Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Lilia Tiongson
(MaryLou Papa)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
+Nicholapillai Rajadurai
(Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Charles Quadros
(Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Legionaries
(Legion of Mary)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Ines and Maximo Bulaon
(Tiongson and Bulaon Families)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
+Julia and Francis X Fernandes
(Francis Fernandes)

Friday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Alia Vaz

Friday: 7:00 p.m.
+Julia Fernandes
(Anthony Pereira and Family)

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Charles, Maisie and Trevor Daunt
(Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
+Lucy Tan
(Cheng Family)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Josephine and Chit Szeto
(JP and Virginie Chan)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14, 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, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Aubrey Yee-Sang 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, \$5,923.76 (November 7, 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

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS

Will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

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

Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:24-32*

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to His disciples as he prepares them for His passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote His Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the Emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that He saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, His teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct His disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering His disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn His disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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