

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Stanislawa Mazur (Pucyk Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Julia Fernandes (Anthony Pereira and Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Marcus Cheng (Cheng Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth Ah Mao Wong (Chit and Josephine Szeto)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex, Margaret, Jefferson and Giovanna Tse (Jefferson Tse)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Maronite Mass
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary-Joe Ku (Seck Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Carrie Ho (Eda Ho)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Johnson Ling and Family (Juliette and Mark Huang)
Friday:	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve – For the People
Friday:	12:00 a.m.	Christmas Eve – For the People
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Christmas Day – For the People
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+John Patel (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Thomas Hashim (Tiongson and Hashim Families)

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D'Souza, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, 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, Wing Yuen and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: John and Violet Patel, Elizabeth Wong and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Wishing all a Happy and Holy Christmas
**From Father Allyn Rose, Father Patrick Gnanapragasam,
 Deacon Everis Munroe, Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto and parish
 staff, Aloma, Hill, Mark, Maureen and Jackie**

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS BY 1:00 P.M
 ON SATURDAY

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASS BY 12:00
 NOON CHRISTMAS EVE

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

If your child is in grad 7 or 8 and has not yet received their Sacrament of Confirmation, please pick up a registration form and further information from the parish office. Classes will begin in January and registration is required

REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN

Parents of children who would like to prepare for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion can visit the parish office to pick up a registration package. Parents will need to provide a copy of their child's baptism certificate. Registration is open until the end of February. Please note that the classes will be in-person, public health restrictions permitting.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$9,050.21 (December 12, 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. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

Masses Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day at 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon

Christmas falls on Saturday this year, because of this there will be no 5:00 Vigil Mass for the Sunday. Masses on Sunday will be as usual. 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will be starting a fundraiser to collect EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles, Spirits bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey, etc.) Starting next weekend of December 11th until Mid January 2022.

We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer. There will be bins placed on the side form them to drop it off. Knights will be present to manage and remove empties prior to start of Mass. We have a designated area down in the Church Hall/kitchen to store them. Once we accumulate enough, we will take them to the beer store and have the funds brought to the church. If some parishioners are not comfortable or cannot carry them to the church, we encourage them to approach us down in the hall and someone can assist. Or they can contact me directly on the bulletin. (Phillip Lee)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel Reading – Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

On this last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before His Birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the Announcement of Jesus' Birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believes that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and co-operative in God's plan for salvation.

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