

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

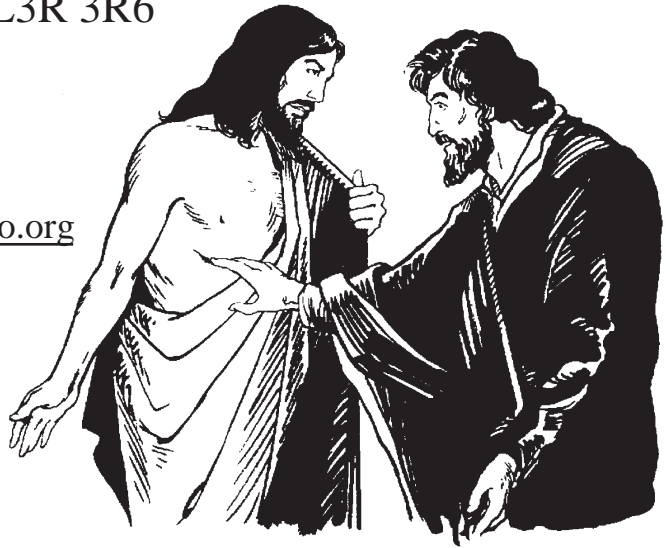
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

### SCHOOLS

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### PARISH GROUPS

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Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 90-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350



# Mass Intentions

Monday 12:10 p.m.  
+Peter Nunes  
(Sequeira Family)

Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Alicia Lyn)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Aloma Coutinho  
(Rose Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Doctor Ari Chow  
(Domingo Family)

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.  
+Agnes Seck  
(Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
MaryLou Papa

Thursday 12:10 p.m.  
+Father William Breen  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.  
+Annie Starkiewicz  
(Ramsay Family)

Friday 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Rosie Jacob  
(Jacob Family)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 5:00 a.m.  
Deceased Parishioners of St. Thomas  
the Apostle Parish  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
For the living and deceased members of the  
daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their  
living and deceased families.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 10:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
the Simmons Family

Sunday 12:00 p.m.  
For the People of the Parish

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022

### 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, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Wing Yuen, Betty Chen, Irene Tsang, Sherwin Wong, Kevin Grant 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.

### REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM IS 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, \$15,906.01 – December 26, 2021**  
**\$2,927.00 – December 31, 2021**  
**\$4,895.81 – January 2, 2022**  
**(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN THESE TRYING TIMES,  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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

For those who did not receive envelopes or are using plain envelopes, please come to the office after Mass to receive offering envelopes.

## SUNDAY CONNECTION

**God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 3:15-16,21-22 Jesus is Baptized by John**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' Baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says he baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The Baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during His time of prayer after His Baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and His disciples to pray to His Father.

The Baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "Epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas Season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 for 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)

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