

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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Organists

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Mass Intentions

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Father John Francis Corkery (Lim Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of JP and Virginie Chan
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+William Stanley Rutherford (Alicia Lyn)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Liao Chu Kao (Suna)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Jennifer Jacob (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Oscar Pereira (D'Costa Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Intentions of Virginia and JP Chan (Chit and Josephine Szeto)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	+Teresa Chiu (Jefferson Tse)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	+Father John Corkery (Sunu)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Francis Tan (Cheng Family)
Sunday	10:00 p.m.	+Filomeno Tavares (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JANUARY 16, 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, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Wing Yuen, Betty Chen, Irene Tsang, Sherwin Wong, Lucas Fernandes and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

Salvacion Grayda, 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, \$ January 9, 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.

The Rosary Making Group in our Parish
Is in need of a new Co-Ordinator. If you are
interested, please call Rosemarie at (416)495-1067.

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 – John 2:1-11 Jesus performs His first sign at a Wedding Feast in Cana

This Sunday we begin the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this Lectionary Cycle C, our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' Ministry and His First Miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of His First Disciples. John tells us that Jesus and His disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary.

In the Church's liturgical history, the Wedding Feast of Cana is closely associated with the Baptism of the Lord and the Adoration of the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the Wedding Feast is celebrated as an Epiphany or a Manifestation of Jesus' Divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to His mother that His hour has not yet come, He protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that His hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to Him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at His Crucifixion, a witness to the final Manifestation of His Divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to His disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and Wedding Feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here, at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to reinterpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine – six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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