

# 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

St. Benedict 905-475-9646

St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

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### PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-495-1067
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776
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.	+Shui Chun Kwong (Catherine Yue and Group)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Walter Moo Choy (Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Nilla LeDonne (Anna Maria LeDonne)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+Father William Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Mary Jo Ku (Prayer Group)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Paul Zilio (Rose Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Miguel Francisco (Maria Francisco)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Rex, Margaret, Jefferson and Giovanna Tse (Jefferson Tse)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Intentions of Lee Voon Seng Ah-Chong (JP and Virginie Chan)
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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 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:

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

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, \$5,096.70 January 9, 2022**

**includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

### HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

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## 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

**In the Synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.**

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' Baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In Chapter Four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in His hometown of Nazareth, attending the Synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be His custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the Synagogue, He reads from the Scroll handed to Him; it contains the words of the Prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in His ministry, Jesus announces His mission in continuity with Israel's Prophetic Tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, He brings this Salvation about in His Person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in His Life, Death and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did – bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick and freedom to the oppressed – we serve the Kingdom of God.

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