

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
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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.	+Luciano Garcia (Garcia and Guillem Families)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory (Alicia Lyn)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Maisie Daunt (Prayer Group)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Paul Zilio (Rose Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	+Richard Livara (Family)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Johnson Ling
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Johannes Bung Hang Lim (Family)
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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 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, \$3,782.01 -- January 16, 2022

We received, \$4,424.01 – January 23, 2022

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in His hometown of Nazareth

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the Prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe Him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerable later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the Prophet Isaiah in the Synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the Synagogue in Nazareth and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject His authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that He observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow His reading from the Prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to His message, the message of a Prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to His rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the Gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing Him over a cliff. This differs from the report found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill Him; it is not yet His time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the Cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through His death on the Cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

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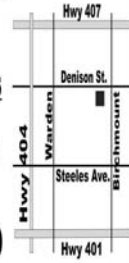
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