

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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SCHOOLS

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PARISH GROUPS

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| 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 |
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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

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| Monday | 12:10 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Tuesday | 12:10 p.m. | +Sophie Franco (Sunu) |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | 12:10 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | +Pat Dean (Prayer Group) |
| Thursday | 12:10 p.m. | Intentions of Mollie McCullough (The Rose Family) |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday | 12:10 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday | 5:00 a.m. | +Jennifer Jacob (Family) |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | For the Living and deceased Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca and their living and deceased family Members (Jackie Mackenzie) |
| Sunday | 10:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 12:00 p.m. | |

For the People of the Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 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 Chan, Irene Tsang, Sherwin Wong, Lucas Fernandes and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

Michele Spataro, Latino Bici, and 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

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Luke 6:17,20-26 Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus call Peter to be His disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's Gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among His disciples to be Apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's Gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these Gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel – Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation...these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our Vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. **Loyola Press**

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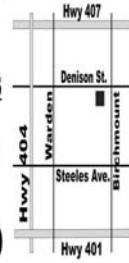
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