

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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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

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Mass Intentions

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+Maria Lee (Cheng Family)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	+James Chi Yin Mak (Josie and Chit Szeto)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Desmond Gomes (Jacob Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Theresa Lundrigan (Rose Family)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Gregory Chan (Seck Family)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Eda Ho
Sunday	10:00 p.m.	+Soosaipillai Joseph (Family)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2022

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, 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, Everest D'Souza and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Vito Marziliano, Father Edwin D'Souza and for those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. MASS

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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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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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.**

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 6, 2022 – SUPPORT OUR SHARELIFE APPEAL

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is (to be announced). Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday, which is March 27.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after His baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use His power to appease His hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs.

We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to His promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that He will not put God to the test. Grounding Himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by His confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that He will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to Him.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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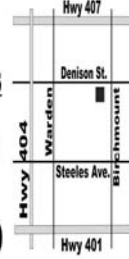
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