

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.
+Emma Isaac (Gloria Marquez)	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
+Philomena Cheong (Seck Family)	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Lancy and Polly Jacob (Jacob Family)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Christiana Flanigan (Rose and Dixon Families)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim and Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)	
Friday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Living and Deceased Family and Friends of Chit and Josephine Szeto	
Saturday	5:00 a.m.
+Susan Clemente (Family)	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
+Jennifer Jacob (Family)	
Sunday	10:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 13, 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

COME AND SEE – DAY RETREAT – SATURDAY,
MARCH 19 (9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.)

At St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocatonstoronto.ca/comesee for more information contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Poster: <https://bit.ly/ComeandSeeMarch2022>

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$5,467.14 – February 27, 2022
Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION DAY OF PRAYER

The Legion of Mary is hosting the Annual 2000 Hail Mary Devotion on May 7, 2022. We are inviting all to join us at St. Thomas the Apostle Church any time from 6:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can also join us by praying at home. Please contact Winnie Thien @416-889-0659 or winthien@rogers.com to sign up for a time slot and petition. God Bless and thank you. (Winnie)

LIVE BY THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

ShareLife Sunday is March 27th. This year, we are encouraging you to make your donation online via the parish website or at sharelife.org. Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. Simply fill out the form on a ShareLife pew envelope, include a void cheque, and then give it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact Sharelife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving. All donations on PAG are included in your parish receipt. (Unless you give directly to ShareLife)/

Thank you for supporting ShareLife

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.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28B-36

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John and James.

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the First Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the Second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about His Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples – Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as His appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as His Exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus, "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to Him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' Baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness His Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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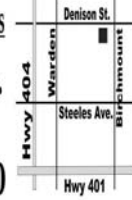
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