

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

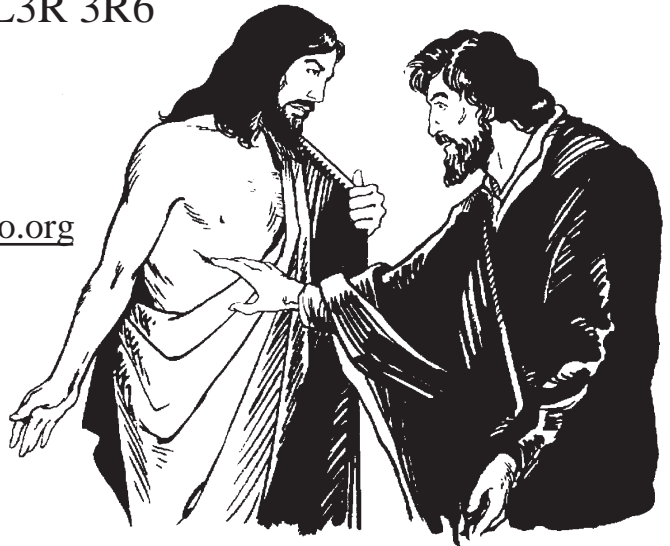
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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.
+James Aquino (Robert and Estrella Aquino)	
Monday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
+Peter and Jesuina Fernandes (Family)	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
MARONITE MASS	
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
+Cristobal Cruz (Cruz Family)	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
+Manuel and Bemvinda Dsouza (Avelino D'Souza)	
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
+Ruth Pullen +Lawrence Pullen Jr. (Jackie Mackenzie)	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Friday	12:10 p.m.
+Joseph Pulickeel (Family)	
Friday	7:00 p.m.
Deceased members of the Lee and Huang Families	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Deceased Members of the Ling and Tsoiasue Families	
Saturday	5:00 a.m.
+Maxime and Marie Anne Chan-Yan-Fong (JP and Virginia Chan)	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Chang Ken Chiu (Mark and Juliette Huang)	
Sunday	10:00 p.m.
+Wong Lum Shee (Family)	
Sunday	12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish	

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 20, 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: Amanda Ahwai, Maggie Leung, Henry Leung, Helen Leung, Joseph Luk 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

### 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](mailto:winthien@rogers.com) to sign up for a time slot and petition. God Bless and thank you. (Winnie)

### PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)**

**We received, \$8,895.01 (March 6, 2022)**

**We received, \$6,338.66 (March 13, 2022)**

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

### NEXT WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Have you considered supporting ShareLife through our monthly giving?

You can enroll in monthly giving via our website by clicking on the “donate” button. You can also do so at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). If you need help or have any questions, please call 416-934-3411 or email [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org).

## 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.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9**

#### **Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.**

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepared us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge His authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds' report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout His journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as He prepares His Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within His power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear fruit He desired from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, He chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of His efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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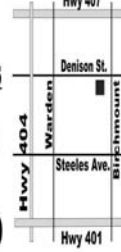
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