

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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**He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia**

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	12:10 p.m.	+John Mackenzie (Jackie Mackenzie)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Licia Spiteri (Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Josephine and Chit Szeto (JP and Virginie Chan)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Agatha Moo Choy (Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Josephine and Chit Szeto
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Jennifer Jacob (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+John Tang (Theresa Tang)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Teresa Tang (Haydee Batac)
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Maronite Mass
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Ricardo Livara (Family)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Jefferson Tse
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions The Simmons Family
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Avelino and Marie D'Souza and Baena Families.

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 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, Aloysius Carvalho 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.

HAPPY EASTER to all our parishioners and visitors to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. May our celebration of the Paschal Mystery inspire us to live our faith in the Resurrection of the Lord, provide us with hope in times of suffering and bring us closer to God. May our faith strengthen us to bear witness to God's love for all his children.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED and those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord who has given them the grace of the sacraments help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. ***Thanks to their catechists and sponsors who accompanied them through the Rite of Christian Initiation.***

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday - Thursday - After the 7:00 p.m. Mass  
Friday - 6:00 p.m. (before the Maronite Mass)  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. before the 5:00 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: \$10,166.25 (April 10, 2022)**  
**(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)**

CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE  
NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 12:00 NOON MASS.

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.

DO YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REAL PRESENCE OF OUR LORD IN THE EUCHARIST? You are invited to attend a Zoom program on Jesus in the Eucharist: the source and summit of Christian life. The program runs from April 26 onwards for two hours a week. Registrations can be made at [JesusInTheEucharist@gmail.com](mailto:JesusInTheEucharist@gmail.com) Capital J,I,T and E. For more information, please see the poster at the entrance of the Church.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### **Gospel Reading – John 20:1-9**

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and His Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes Him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our Liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus – in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

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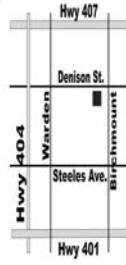
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