

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 Church)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursday & Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to
7:00 Evening Mass.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Weekend and Weekday Masses

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 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

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PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee	416-873-2586
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 for the Intentions Week

Monday 12:10 p.m.
Living and deceased family and friends of Cecile Garel

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
+Anthony Chik-Hing Yu (Family)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Magdeline Ng (Cheng Family)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.
+Bonnie Ho (Family)

Friday 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Agatha Lim (Family)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Mark – Andre (Atkins Family)

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
For the living and deceased members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and for their living and deceased families. (Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions The Simmons Family

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUNDAY APRIL 24, 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.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO PREPARE THE CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK.

So many people are involved to make Holy Week and the Easter Triduum Sacred and Solemn events celebrated in our parish: The Sisters of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, the altar servers, choirs, ushers, lectors, catechists – let us be thankful for all who offer their time and talent to serve God and one another in our parish for Easter and throughout the whole year.

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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated today, **Sunday, April 24 at the 12:00 Noon Mass.** Candidates and sponsors only are to gather in the parish hall at 11:30. Certificates will be distributed in the parish hall following the ceremony where Father Allyn Rose will be available for photos. No photos are permitted during the ceremony. Let us pray for the candidates and their families that the Holy Spirit may strengthen them to bear witness to their Catholic faith.

PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received: \$8,209.91 (April 17, 2022)
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

THOMAS BELIEVES BECAUSE HE SEES JESUS

Today's reading from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the Resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to His disciples after His Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus Resurrection is that He appeared to His disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until He broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in His resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; He appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of His Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send His disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when He gives His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to His disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus's ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to His disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after His death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will be starting a fundraiser to collect EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles, Spirits bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey, etc.) We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer. There will be bins placed on the side for them to drop it off. Knights will be present to manage and remove empties prior to start of Mass. We have a designated area down in the Church Hall/kitchen to store them. Once we accumulate enough, we will take them to the beer store and have the funds brought to the church. If some parishioners are not comfortable or cannot carry them to the church, we encourage them to approach us down in the hall and someone can assist. Or they can contact me directly on the bulletin. (Phillip Lee)

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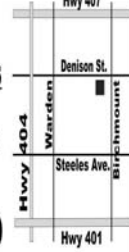
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