

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

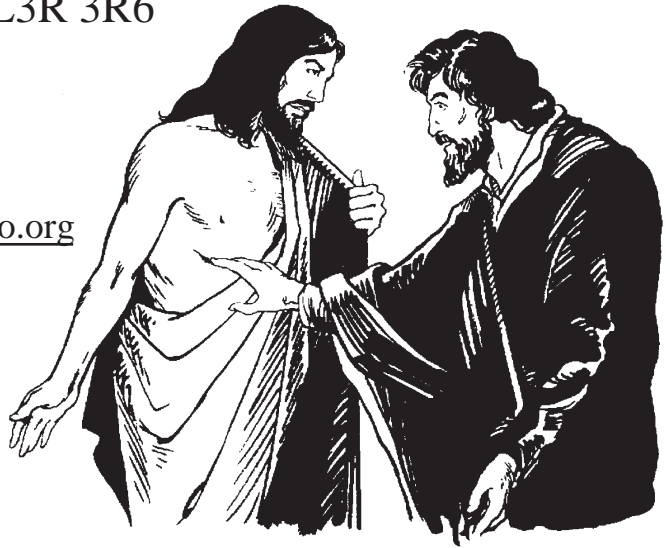
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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
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### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	90-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Mrs. Shui-Chu Tse (Jefferson Tse)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	+Alex and Maria Baena (Avelino D'Souza & Family)
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	In Thanksgiving & Intentions of Conrad, Tammy & Nicholas Poon (Family)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	+Edward Joseph Lopes (Fernandez Family)
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	+Ernest Lue Shing & Maryse DaSilva (Family)
Thursday	12:10 p.m.	+Glennville & Virginia Stuart (Pat Stuart)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	12:10 p.m.	+Andrew Cheng (Family)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	In Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor And Intentions of D'Souza Family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Jennifer Jacob (Jacob Family)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+Glennville and Virginia Stuart (Pat Stuart)
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	+Anne Margaret Ranjitham (Family)

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 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, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero and Jacqueline Pang.

### PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

Especially: those who have no one to pray for them.

### 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.

### PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received \$5,395.76

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

### SHARELIFE

Our ShareLife goal this year was \$85,000.00 and thanks to our parishioners we have reached our goal! We collected \$86,360.42

### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are collecting EMPTIES such as the following: Beer cans, Beer bottles, Wine bottles (vodka, rum, whiskey etc.). We encourage our parishioners to drop off their empties upon entering the church foyer in the bins that are placed on the side to collect them.

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The York Catholic District School Board Admissions Office will facilitate elementary school registrations during the summer months for the academic year 2022-2023. Registrations will take place at the Catholic Education Centre, located at 320 Bloomington Road West, in Aurora, during the months of July and August.

We are providing this service to enable parents to register their children during the summer months when all our elementary schools are closed.

## ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to celebrate our annual Mass once again in person. Our annual Mass for the faithful departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 17 at 7:00 p.m. Masses throughout Greater Toronto Area and Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries.

Cemetery locations and celebrants for this year's annual Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga  
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham  
Holy Cross cemetery, Thornhill  
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto  
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge  
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby  
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie

Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri  
Most Reverend Robert Kasun  
His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Reverend Msgr. Paul Zimmer  
Reverend Msgr. John Borean  
Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen  
Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY JULY 24, 2022

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 11:1-13                  Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer**

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teachings on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place". They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts", which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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