

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”

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St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

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Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee	416-873-2586
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

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

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday September 12 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving
(Pat Stuart)

Monday September 12 7:00 p.m.

+Maria Asuncion Policarpio
(Family)

Tuesday September 13 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Ara and Sarkees Sarfian
(Family)

Tuesday September 13 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of the Genco Family

Wednesday September 14 12:10 p.m.

+Timoteo Bernal
(Family)

Wednesday September 14 7:00 p.m.

+William Lapan, Sr.
(Family)

Thursday September 15 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Connie Farrelly
(Rose Family)

Thursday September 15 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday September 16 12:10 p.m.

+Anna Choong and Lim Seok Chew
(Cheng Family)

Friday September 16 7:00 p.m.

+Cora Pereira
(Fernandez Family)

Saturday September 17 9:00 a.m.

+Norman Bueler
(Family)

Saturday September 17 5:00 p.m.

+Teresa Rosario
(Atkins Family)

Sunday September 18 8:00 a.m.

+Alvin Smith
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday September 18 10:00 a.m.

Intentions of Donna Lee
(Family)

Sunday September 18 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Couture, John Yuen, Theresa Snider, Betty Chan, Sherwin Wong, Everest D'Souza, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Jacqueline Pang, Al Jacob, Alice Lam and Bruce Crepe

PRAY FOR THE DEAD:

For those who have no one to pray for them.

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE

From September 11 to Thanksgiving Day, October 10. Please drop off donations by the downstairs washrooms. Items requested: Tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup and stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard, beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals, peanut butter.

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

On Wednesday, September 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre, Mississauga. A relic of St. Peregrine will be in the Chapel during the retreat. Theme: "Come, let Jesus hold you lovingly in His arms and fill you with strength." Cost: \$45.00 includes coffee cart on arrival and hot lunch. Call 905-278-5229 to register.

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: \$7,784.51

(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC continue to fundraise by collecting EMPTIES, such as the following: Beer cans or bottles, wine bottles, spirits such as (vodka, rum or whiskey, etc. **New drop off location for empties, downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

First Reading:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize Him for keeping company with the unworthy.

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what He has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about Him associating with sinners. So, He tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 last sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents – like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus – than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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