

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	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	416-302-1823
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday October 31 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Melina Del Medico
(Legion of Mary)

Monday October 31 7:00 p.m.

+Christopher Chiu
(Chiu Family)

Tuesday November 1 12:10 p.m.

All Saints Day – For the People

Tuesday November 1 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Day – For the People

Wednesday November 2 6:00 a.m.

All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday November 2 12:00 p.m.

All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday November 2 7:00 p.m.

All Souls Day – Souls in Purgatory

Thursday November 3 12:10 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Tang Family

Thursday November 3 7:00 p.m.

+Bartolome Alincastre
(Madonna Cruz and Family)

Friday November 4 12:10 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory
(Pat Stuart)

Friday November 4 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday November 5 9:00 a.m.

+Gloria L. Chin
(Family)

Saturday November 5 5:00 p.m.

+Bernadette Tow-Ying Ah-Chong
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday November 6 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 November 6 10:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday November 6 12:00 p.m.

+Marcelino Menezes
(Family)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Domenic D'Souza, 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, Bruce Crepe, William Yung, Andy Pucyk and Loida Ganaden, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr. and Priscilla Lumanlan

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have no one to pray for them.

EXTRA MASS ON ALL SOULS DAY AT 6:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
Registration forms will be given to grade seven students in our parish Catholic Schools for Confirmation. Other schools should register at our parish office. All registrations must be handed in to the Church. Classes begin January 14 and ends March 18. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

**ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS! COME AND JOIN
US AS WE PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.**
Misa de Gallo novena masses at St. Thomas church from December 16 – 24 at 5:15 a.m. for morning prayers followed by the Mass at 5:30 a.m.

Misa de Gallo (dawn mass) is a Filipino Catholic tradition reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and honouring our Blessed Mother 9 days before the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Please note:

No food after the Mass but on the last day of the Novena, December 24th is a “**Pot-Luck**”. Please ensure the food you bring is labeled with the ingredients due to some have a severe allergy reaction.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus council will be selling Christmas cards in the church lobby after all Masses.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE HOSTING THE ST. JOSEPH ICON UNTIL NOVEMBER 12TH.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received: \$6,451.81 (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.

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Goal 50,000.00 Including tiles, we have collected \$48,470.00 (includes pledges) Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund. Please continue to help us to raise funds to beautify our Sanctuary. For \$100.00 per tile, you can offer a prayer intentions that will remain in the Sanctuary for years, even decades. Three hundred tiles to be sold. 19 left to be sold.

The following items can be purchased for our Sanctuary:

Crucifix	\$ 9,605.00 (Paid)
Ambo (Lectern)	\$11,865.00 (Pledged)
Presider Chair for Priest and Deacons	\$ 3,900.00 (Pledged)
St. Thomas the Apostle Statue moved	\$ 1,250.00
Tabernacle moved	\$ 2,400.00 (Paid)
Baptismal Font moved	\$ 400.00 (Paid)
New Lighting	\$ 5,198.00 (500.00 paid so far)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

God is merciful because all things were created by God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14

Sing praise to God, who is faithful.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-22

Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set Him apart from other observant Jews of His time. In first century, Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation

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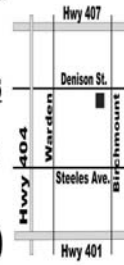
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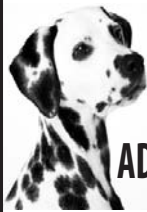
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