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 St. Francis Xavier

905-475-9646 905-470-2225

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD www.ycdsb.ca

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	416-302-1823
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	Neil Ishmael	905-477-3129
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

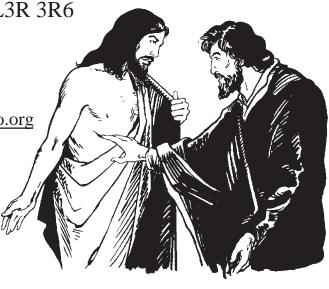
PARISH MUSICIANS Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

416-298-2541

DAY CARE

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





Monday November 14 12:10 p.m. +Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)

Monday November 14 7:00 p.m. +Msgr. Gerard Breen (Jefferson Tse)

Tuesday November 15 12:10 p.m. +Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)

Tuesday November 157:00 p.m.In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Zachary and Mikaela Mak

Wednesday November 16 12:10 p.m. Souls in Purgatory (Doreen Pinto)

Wednesday November 16 7:00 p.m. +Antoniapillai, Nicholapillai

(Family) Thursday November 17 12:1

Thursday November 17 +Mary-Joe Ku (Family)

Thursday November 17 7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Legion Of Mary (Legion of Mary)

Friday November 1812:10 p.m.In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Josephine and Chit Szeto
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Friday November 18 7:00 p.m. +Jeganathan (Mary)

Saturday November 19 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Straub Family

Saturday November 19 5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Huang and Lee Families

Sunday November 20 +Walter Moo Choy (Family) 8:00 a.m.

Sunday November 20 +Charles, Maisie and Trevor Daunt (Family)

Sunday November 20 12:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 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, 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., Priscilla Lumanlan and Winston Ho

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Philip Tsoi-Sue, Maria Figueredo, Elizabeth Vieira-Ribeiro and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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 are selling Christmas cakes in the church lobby after all Masses.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) We received: \$5,835.36 (Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

SHARELIFE

New: Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by and anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 Million.

"Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people."

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 \$67,820.00 (includes pledges) **Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund**. Please continue to help us to raise funds to beautify our Sanctuary. 211 forms have been handed in 89 needs to be returned. 300 tiles in total. *THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER!*

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 (Paid)
St. Thomas the Apostle Statue moved	\$ 1,250.00 (Paid)
Tabernacle moved	\$ 2,400.00 (Paid)
Baptismal Font moved	\$ 400.00 (Paid)
New Lighting	\$ 5,198.00 (500.00 paid so far)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19 Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns His followers that persecution will come before the end time.

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to His crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plan for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that His followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "it will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring His followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with His own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow His example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

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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. **Drop off location for empties, downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.

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