

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

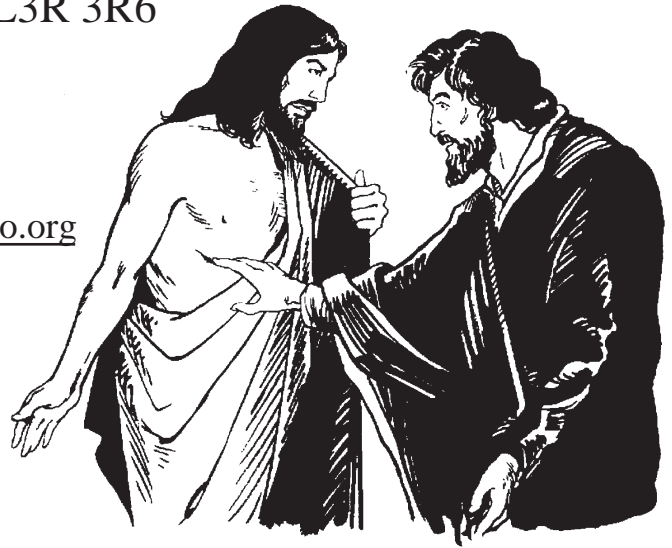
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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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
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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 November 28 12:10 p.m.

Deceased Family Members of
Jean and Andy Pucyk

Monday November 28 7:00 p.m.

+Eardley Redoblado
(Aurelia)

Tuesday November 29 12:10 p.m.

+Cardinal L. T. Picachy
(Sunu)

Tuesday November 29 7:00 p.m.

+Rosie Lynn and Chad Dixon
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Wednesday November 30 12:10 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Wednesday November 30 7:00 p.m.

+Msgr. Gerard Breen,
Father William Breen,
Father J. Basil Breen
(Prayer Group)

Thursday December 1 12:10 p.m.

+Chon Swee, Yong
(Chung Family)

Thursday December 1 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday December 2 12:10 p.m.

+Nick and Catherine D' Alessandro
(Family)

Friday December 2 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday December 3 9:00 a.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday December 3 5:00 p.m.

Intentions of
Joss, William and Alan Ah-Chong
+Lee Voon Ah-Chong

Sunday December 4 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 December 4 10:00 a.m.

+Elsie Qunit
(Josephine and Chit Szeto)

Sunday December 4 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 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, Al Jacob, Alice Lam, Bruce Crepe, William Yung, Loida Ganaden, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan and Winston Ho

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Msgr. Edmond J. Putrimas, Father Ralph Paonessa, Juliana Dias, David Kong and for those who have no one to pray for them.

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF DECEMBER

Occurs this week. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.

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.

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 an 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."

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL for Christmas and though out the year will be taken up on the weekend of December 10/11 Envelopes will be in the bulletin and on the table at the back of the church the week before. For those who want to donate online [SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CONFEREN | Charity Profile | Donate Online | Canadahelps](#)

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$6,083.91 (November 20, 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. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS

Will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Goal 50,000.00 Including tiles, we have collected **\$62,555.00** Pledges **\$13,115.00** For a total of **\$75,670.00** **Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund.** 245 forms have been handed in 55 needs to be returned from the original 300. We have added another 100 tiles (after speaking with the contractor) for those who want to be a part in this fundraising for our new Sanctuary.

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 (2,800.00 paid so far)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CYCLE A

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells His disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells His disciples that they are to always be ready

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, which is also the First Sunday of the New Liturgical Year for the Church. The Advent Season includes the Four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of Preparations for the Coming of the Lord. In this Season, we recall two central elements of our faith: The Final coming of the Lord to Glory and the Incarnation of the Lord in the Birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent Season are Watchful Waiting, Preparation, and Justice.

In this New Liturgical Year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in the new situation: Jerusalem after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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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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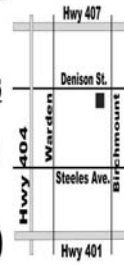
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