

# 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
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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 December 5 12:10 p.m.**  
+Cheong Pak Chow  
(Seck Family)
- Monday December 5 7:00 p.m.**  
+Julie Au  
(Ko Family)
- Tuesday December 6 12:10 p.m.**  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)
- Tuesday December 6 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday December 7 12:10 p.m.**  
+Ramon Zaldivar  
(Zamore Family and friends)
- Wednesday December 7 7:00 p.m.**  
+Myrna Aguilar  
(Family)
- Thursday December 8 12:10 p.m.**  
Intentions of Kerry Dixon  
(Rose Family)
- Thursday December 8 7:00 p.m.**  
+Rocco Sala  
(Family)
- Friday December 9 12:10 p.m.**  
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,  
Jin Imm Tan  
(Tan Family)
- Friday December 9 7:00 p.m.**  
+Angel Sevilla  
(Family)
- Saturday December 10 9:00 a.m.**  
Deceased Family and Friends  
in Purgatory  
(Rosa Lim)
- Saturday December 10 5:00 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions  
of JP and Virginie Chan
- Sunday December 11 8:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday December 11 10:00 a.m.**  
+Tin Chu Fok  
(Chung Family)
- Sunday December 11 12:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Virginia and JP Chan  
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 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: For those who have no one to pray for them.

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, \$6,008.00 (November 27, 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

OUR SENIOR GROUP OASIS is hosting our annual Christmas luncheon on Tuesday 10 December after the 12:10 Mass. \$10.00 Buffet. Bring your own Christmas cheer to share. Renew friendships or make new friends. Sing Christmas Carols. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> LIVING ROSARY AT 6:30 P.M.

### 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 **\$63,555.00** Pledges **\$13,115.00** For a total of **\$76,670.00** **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)
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Baptismal Font moved	\$ 400.00 (Paid)
New Lighting	\$ 5,198.00 (3,050.00 ( paid so far)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CYCLE A

#### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:1-12**

#### **John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.**

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Mathew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience."...the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry His sandals" (Mathew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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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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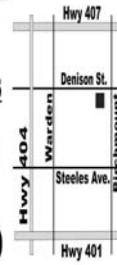


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