

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

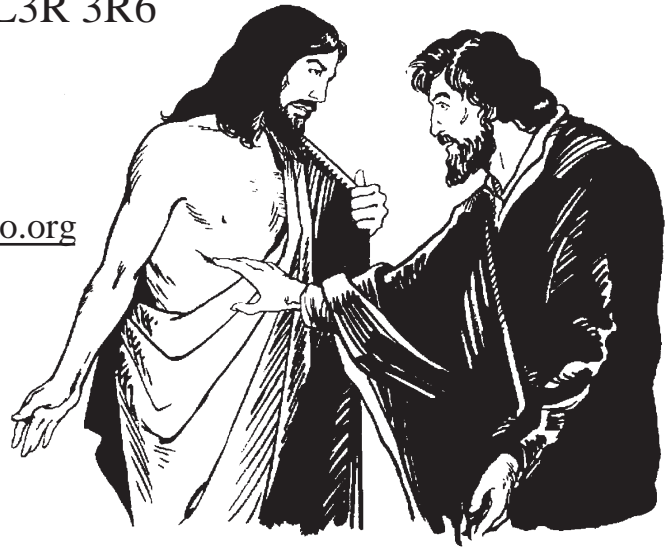
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

Part Time Secretary (Thursdays) - Maureen Daunt

## 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

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### PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday January 16 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Deborah Howard  
(Maria and Manfred Sallaberger)

**Monday January 16 7:00 p.m.**

+Joseph Sebamalai  
(Family)

**Tuesday January 17 12:10 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions  
of Dennis and Regina Poon  
(Jefferson Tse)

**Tuesday January 17 7:00 p.m.**

+Philomena Barretto  
(Gretta Dias)

**Wednesday January 18 12:10 p.m.**

+Leona Cruz  
(Tan Family)

**Wednesday January 18 7:00 p.m.**

+Linda Courchene  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Thursday January 19 12:10 p.m.**

+Liao Chu Kao  
(Sunu)

**Thursday January 19 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Friday January 20 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Virginia and JP Chan  
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

**Friday January 20 7:00 p.m.**

+Ines L. Bulaon  
(Tiongson and Bulaon Families)

**Saturday January 21 9:00 a.m.**

Intentions of James Lau  
(Al Jacob)

**Saturday January 21 5:00 p.m.**

+Louis Aveleno George  
(Family)

**Sunday January 22 8:00 a.m.**

+Francis Tan  
(Cheng Family)

**Sunday January 22 10:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday January 22 12:00 p.m.**

+Kevin Myrna Haverty  
(Fernandez Family)

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2023

### 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, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan and William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Lucas Fernandes, Anthony Fernandes

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: John Orlina and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15,  
2023

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Students at St. Benedict and St. Francis Xavier Schools have received their registration forms. If your child does not go to these Schools, please come to the parish office and pick up a registration form. Registration forms have to be handed in, along with a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$35.00 to cover the cost of the catechism book. Holy Communion will take place June 10 at 5:00 p.m. or June 11 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

### 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.

## SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER

Goal 50,000.00 Including tiles, we have collected **\$83,967.70** Also includes donations to the general Sanctuary Fund.

*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 (Paid)
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 (3,240.00 ( paid so far)

### PARISH OFFERTORY

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

**We received, \$5,513.40 (January 8, 2023)**

**(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

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Gospel Reading – John 1:29-34**

**John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.**

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God". By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water, Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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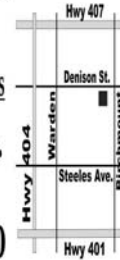
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