

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

St. Benedict 905-475-9646

St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

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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 February 27 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of the Pucyk Family

Monday February 27 7:00 p.m.
Ann Van Boxmeer
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday February 28 12:10 p.m.
+Ruby Wong
(Lynch Family)

Tuesday February 28 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Antoinette Lau
(Al Jacob)

Wednesday March 1 12:10 p.m.
+Chung Meng Chen
(Suna)

Wednesday March 1 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday March 2 12:10 p.m.
+Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)

Thursday March 2 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 3 12:10 p.m.
+Sung-Leung Lau
(Lynch Family)

Friday March 3 7:00 p.m.
For Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday March 4 9:00 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)

Saturday March 4 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of Angelyn, Christine,
Corazon and William Ah-Chong
(J.P. and Virginie Chan)

Sunday March 5 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday March 5 10:00 a.m.
+Georgina Guiseppi
(Family)

Sunday March 12:00 p.m.
+David Cloutier
(Family)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Tony Romero, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Mary Foo, Lynn Demers, Edwin Quiambao, Mary Josephine Albert

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Ann Van Boxmeer and for those who have no one to pray for them.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. MASS

THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH

Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Maronites Stations of the Cross (around 9:30 p.m.) until Benediction at 11:45.

COME AND SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday March 19 (2:30 p.m.) This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registrations must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 26, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

THANK YOU TO ALL, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Confirmation Students and their "helpers" who cooked and served breakfast, all those who worked behind the scenes cooking and the cleanup. Lots of work.

*Thank you to all the Parishioners and visitors who came and enjoyed each others company, which made it so successful.
\$1,238.00 was raised for ShareLife! Thank you!*

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$6,626.10 (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.

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.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY- MARCH 4, 2023

The in-person Lift Jesus Higher Rally is back after 3 years to be held at the Constitution Hall, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The theme "Empowered to Stand" based on 1st Corinthians 16:13 "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." Compelling speakers, inspiring personal testimonies, powerful praise and worship music, Divine Mercy celebration, prayer ministry for healing and empowerment, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration and Procession. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins will be the celebrant and homilist at the Mass. Kindly refer to the Notice Board for further details. Tickets at \$25.00 for the Adult Rally and \$15.00 for the Youth Rally can be had from Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke), after Jesus' Baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use His power to appease His hunger, he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test, and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that He will not put God to the test. Grounding Himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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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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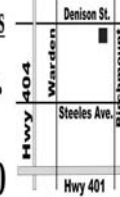
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