

# 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

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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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 March 6 12:10 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Monday March 6 7:00 p.m.**  
+Maria Asuncion Policarpio  
(Family)

**Tuesday March 7 12:10 p.m.**  
+Maria Lee  
(Cheng Family)

**Tuesday March 7 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday March 8 12:10 p.m.**  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)

**Wednesday March 8 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday March 9 12:10 p.m.**  
+Joseph Pullickeel  
(Family)

**Thursday March 9 7:00 p.m.**  
+Maria Nardozi  
(Family)

**Friday March 10 12:10 p.m.**  
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,  
Jin Imm Tan  
(Tan Family)

**Friday March 10 7:00 p.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday March 11 9:00 a.m.**  
Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday March 11 5:00 p.m.**  
+Errol Fredericks  
(Atkins Family)

**Sunday March 12 8:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday March 12 10:00 a.m.**  
+Lawrence Fernandes  
(Ben Digs and Family)

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 5, 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: Father Ivica Kecerin, Father Mario Bellinaso 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

#### 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 [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - March 5, 2023

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

#### 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL - DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

**Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday March 25, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Old Mill Toronto Event Venue**  
21 Old Mills Road, Toronto, ON M8X 1G5

**Opening Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB,**  
**Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto**  
**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

#### Speakers and Topics:

##### **Sister Deirdre Byrne**

The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady

##### **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**

Healing and Forgiveness

##### **Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik**

Journeying with Mother Mary

##### **Dorothy Pilarski**

Why minister to moms? How to start a Catholic Mom's Group

Limited Seating! Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)  
Questions? Contact: 416-907-1042

## PARISH OFFERTORY

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

**We received, \$6,816.92 (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 OF LENT

***First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a***

***God promises Abram a great blessing.***

***Responsorial Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22***

***God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.***

***Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10***

***Through God's grace we are called to holiness.***

***Gospel Reading***

***Matthew 17:1-9***

***Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James and John.***

For the Second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to His Transfiguration. Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the Second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of His death and His teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, His Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' Baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany Him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before His arrest.

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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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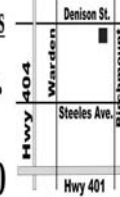
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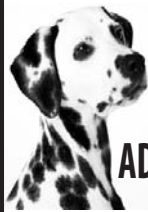


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