

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”

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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 27 12:10 p.m.
+Pat Gemmiti
(Ver Family)

Monday March 27 7:00 p.m.
+Nicolina Damiano
(Di Blasi Family)

Tuesday March 28 12:10 p.m.
+Anar Adatia
(St. Vincent de Paul Conference)

Tuesday March 28 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday March 29 12:10 p.m.
Good health of Lucia Solla
(Menezes Family)

Wednesday March 29 7:00 p.m.
+Conchita Verzosa
(Family)

Thursday March 30 12:10 p.m.
+Marcelino Menezes
(Menezes Family)

Thursday March 30 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 31 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Theresa, Charles, Noel
and Kimberley Chen
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Friday March 31 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday April 1 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 April 1 5:00 p.m.
+Serge Germain
(Atkins Family)

Sunday April 2 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday April 2 10:00 a.m.
+Smith Mackenzie
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday April 2 12:00 p.m.
+Hing-Lan Maria Leung
(Family)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 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, Betty Chan and William Yung

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Sarkis Kibalian, Bogdan Manolache, Maria Lasara Daveiga Lima, Jose Da Costa Amaral, Richard Garnett 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 26, 2023

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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

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BUNDLE UP SUNDAY – APRIL 1-2

We are collecting clothes, shoes, boots, bedding, towels, curtains.

We do not accept appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

For more information visit: www.ssvptoronto.ca

MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH. VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ARE IN THE SMALL HALL. (Until the Sanctuary is finished.)

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$4,985.92 (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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the Feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing Him to declare plainly whether He is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to His works, which testify to His coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however and some try to stone Him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that His friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha and Lazarus, but He delays His journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that He will journey to Bethany, His disciples fear for His life. Thomas declares that He and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where He prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows His power over death so that when Jesus died, those who believe in Him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our Catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in Him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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