

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

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday April 3 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Julie Gatbonton
(Zamora Family)

Monday April 3 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday April 4 12:10 p.m.
+Rolly Papa
(Family)

Tuesday April 4 7:00 p.m.
+Miguel Francisco
(Family)

Wednesday April 5 12:10 p.m.
+Una Nathaniel
(Pat Stuart)

Wednesday April 5 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday April 6 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 7 12:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Friday April 7 3:00 p.m.
The Lord's Passion

Saturday April 8 8:30 p.m.

The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 9 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday April 9 10:00 a.m.

+Christine Lee
(Family)

Easter Sunday April 9 12:00 p.m.

+Felix Alphonso
(Pinto Family)

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY APRIL 2, 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: for those who have no one to pray for them.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Will be at 7:00 p.m. (no noon Mass). There will be a free will offering for Canadian Food for Children.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Will be at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday collection is for the needs of the churches in the Holy Land.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINANCE
From meat for Catholics between 14 and 59 and who are in good enough health to participate. Those who suffer illness should join their sufferings to the Passion of the Lord for the good of the Church.

. ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK
Following the evening Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Thursday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Good Friday from 10:00-10:45 and following the Stations of the Cross, and Holy Saturday from 10:00-10:45 and from 4:00-5:00.

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

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received, \$5,940.72

(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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus is crucified, and His Body is place in the tomb.

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on His way of the cross and anticipate His Resurrection on Easter. Today's Liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blessed the Chalice, He says: "...for this is My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, here are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus's death.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies Him or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at His arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry His cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus died so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task – to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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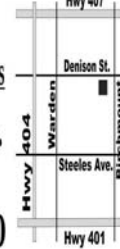
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