

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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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
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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 April 17 12:10 p.m.

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

Monday April 17 7:00 p.m.

+Winston Nugara
(Carrillo Family)

Tuesday April 18 12:10 p.m.

+Claude Griffith
(Family)

Tuesday April 18 7:00 p.m.

+Licia Spiteri
(Family)

Wednesday April 19 12:10 p.m.

+John Mackenzie
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Wednesday April 19 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Mikaela and Zachary Mak
(Patricia Ah-Yan)

Thursday April 20 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Chit and Josephine Szeto

Thursday April 20 7:00 p.m.

+Severiano Madlambayan
(Bueler Family)

Friday April 21 12:10 p.m.

+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin
Imm Tan
(Tan Family)

Friday April 21 7:00 p.m.

+Agatha Moo Choy
(Alicia)

Saturday April 22 9:00 a.m.

+Mary Holland
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday April 22 5:00 p.m.

+Lai-Ying Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

Sunday April 23 8:00 a.m.

+Ricardo Livara
(Family)

Sunday April 23 10:00 a.m.

+Monica Tavares
(Family)

Sunday April 23 12:00 p.m.

For the People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY APRIL 16, 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: Joseph Yim Wing Chan and for those who have no one to pray for them.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God’s call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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On the weekend of 22 – 23 April, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal representing “Handicraft holy Land Christians”, who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING
A PARISH YARD SALE TO BE HELD
IN THE LARGE HALL ON APRIL 30TH

Table rental \$20.00 per table (100% goes to the Parish). What is not sold on your table must be taken back home. Contact Neil Ishmail if you need more information: 905-477-1329

PARISH OFFERTORY

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

We received: \$7,599.74

(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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

THOMAS BELIEVES BECAUSE HE SEES JESUS

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that His tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that He appeared to His disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her as Jesus until He speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize Him until He breaks bread with them. The resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of His crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in His resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples, despite the fact that, the doors were locked.

Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun: "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen Him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after His death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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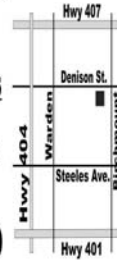
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