

# 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

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### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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 for the Intentions Week

**Monday May 1 12:10 p.m.**

+Miguel Francisco  
(Maria and Family)

**Monday May 1 7:00 p.m.**

+Linda Courchene  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Tuesday May 2 12:10 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Jefferson Tse  
(Family)

**Tuesday May 2 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday May 3 12:10 p.m.**

+Diana Cheung  
(Bernadine Cheung)

**Wednesday May 3 7:00 p.m.**

+Terry Chou  
(Family)

**Thursday May 4 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Ryan Leitch  
(Family)

**Thursday May 4 7:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Friday May 5 12:10 p.m.**

+Sheila Ryan  
(Lynch Family)

**Friday May 5 7:00 p.m.**

For Vocations to the Priesthood

**Saturday May 6 9:00 a.m.**

For the Living and deceased members of  
the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and  
their living and deceased families  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Saturday May 6 5:00 p.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday May 7 8:00 a.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday May 7 10:00 a.m.**

Living and deceased members of the  
McTaggart, Logtenberg, Conn and Law  
Families  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Sunday May 7 12:00 p.m.**

Souls in Purgatory

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 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, William Yung and Agnes Yuen

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** For those who have no one to pray for them.

*2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION:*

*COME AND PRAY WITH US!*

The Legion of Mary is inviting all of you to pray in the Annual Devotion of 2000 Hail Mary event at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This event will be held on May 6, 2023 (Saturday) from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will be praying for 20 special intentions including personal intentions. You do not need to stay for the whole devotion. Please drop by anytime throughout the day to pray with us. You are welcome to bring flowers and snack. For more information see the enclosed flyer on the bulletin board. Thank you.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls His own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. 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)

## SHARELIFE SUNDAY AND THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. August's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

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## PARISH OFFERTORY

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

**We received: \$6,491.43 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10**

### JESUS IS THE GATE FOR HIS SHEEP

This Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about Himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs His allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of His time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling His listeners that those who follow Him and His way will find abundant life. He identifies Himself both as the Shepherd and the Gate. The shepherds who are faithful to Him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership required a good relationship with the community: the Shepherd knows His sheep and they know Him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to Him and by being a good shepherd.

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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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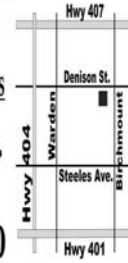
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