# 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 St. Francis Xavier 905-475-9646 905-470-2225

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD www.ycdsb.ca

### **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
	Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
	Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
	Society of St. Vincent	de Paul 905-474	4-1224 ext. 230
	Knights of Columbus	Neil Ishmael	905-477-3129
	FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183
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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 9:00 a.m. Monday May 22 +Jenny Chung Yue Hang (Francis Seto) Monday May 22 7:00 p.m. **No Evening Mass** 12:10 p.m. **Tuesday May 23** +Rolly Papa (Family) 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday May 23** +Isidoro Nicolas (Family) 12:10 p.m. Wednesday May 24 +Lourdu Mary Chrisanthu (Family) Wednesday May 24 7:00 p.m. +Terry Chou (Family) **Thursday May 25** 12:10 p.m. +Cristobal Cruz (Chiu Family) **Thursday May 25** 7:00 p.m. +Zayda De Pala (Dinglasan Family) Friday May 26 12:10 p.m. +Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family) Friday May 26 7:00 p.m. +Charles and Doris Clayburn (Pearl Noranho) 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 27 +Jenny Chung Yue Hang (Frances Seto) Saturday May 27 5:00 p.m. +Margaret Cheng and Betty Chung (Cheng Family) 8:00 a.m. Sunday May 28 For the People of the Parish Sunday May 28 10:00 a.m. +Carmen Tiongson (Tiongson Family)

Sunday May 28 12:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of Father Richard Andrews on his birthday.

(Jefferson Tse)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY MAY 21, 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, Agnes Yuen, Rowena Poon and Emilia Cabral

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

### ON HOLIDAY MONDAY THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.

### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Jesus said, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact: Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

### SHARELIFE AND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community. More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a sign language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, provides an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). Thus far we have raised \$38,072.02 for ShareLife. Our goal is \$107,000.00

### We have a new email: stthomastheapostlema@archtoronto.org

## stthomastheapostle@bellnet is no longer functioning.

### OUR SENIOR'S GROUP, OASIS MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AFTER THE NOON MASS

for a little something for the **mind** (socialize with like minded people), **body** (physical exercises) and **soul** (Rosary and/or Divine Mercy chaplets), Join us from 1:00 to 3:00 for more information contact us at <u>oasis.stthomas@gmail.com</u>

### PARISH OFFERTORY Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) We received: \$5,553.30 (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.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20**

### JESUS CHARGES HIS DISCIPELS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS NAD PROMISES TO BE WITH THEM FOREVER.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives His disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go to the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared His disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for Baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul Baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions His disciples to continue to teach in His name and to bring others into the community of disciples through Baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

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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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