

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

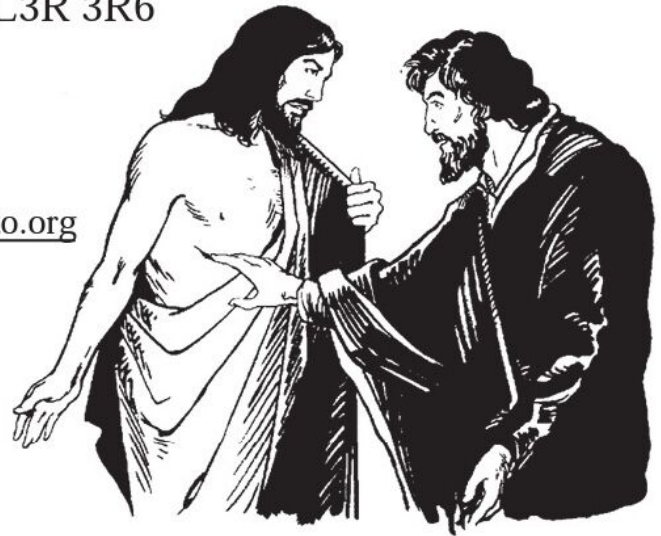
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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### DAY CARE

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday August 21** 12:10 p.m.  
+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo  
(Family)
- Monday August 21** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday August 22** 12:10 p.m.  
+Lee Voon Ah-Chong  
(Virginie and JP Chan)
- Tuesday August 22** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday August 23** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Dirk Hong-Ping
- Wednesday August 23** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday August 24** 12:10 p.m.  
+Darren Norgaard  
(Rose Family)
- Thursday August 24** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Friday August 25** 12:10 p.m.  
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,  
Jin Imm Tan  
(Tan Family)
- Friday August 25** 7:00 p.m.  
+Augustine Jeyanathan  
(Family)
- Saturday August 26** 9:00 a.m.  
+Ferdinand Moo Choy  
(Alicia)
- Saturday August 26** 5:00 p.m.  
+Ben and Rosario Papa, Sr.  
(Family)
- Sunday August 27** 8:00 a.m.  
+Kazimierz Starkiewicz  
(Ramsay Family)
- Sunday August 27** 10:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday August 27** 12:00 p.m.  
+Corazon Casino  
(Family)

## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 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, Emilia Cabral, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Maryann Redoblado, Cely Chichioco, Sapphire Chow, Veronica Small, Annette McIntosh and Meadow Mahorn.

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

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Juliette at 416-302-1823. Classes will begin in October.

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### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

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

We received: \$6,143.17 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

### **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.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

† **First Reading**

**Isaiah 56:1,6-7**

*The Lord reveals His salvation to all.*

† **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8**

*All the nations will praise God.*

† **Second Reading**

**Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

*God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.*

† **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

*Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.*

Today we move ahead to our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus' walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; He is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead, our words and our actions – what comes out of us – make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact, the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; He says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that He was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog" But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. As only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the Apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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