

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

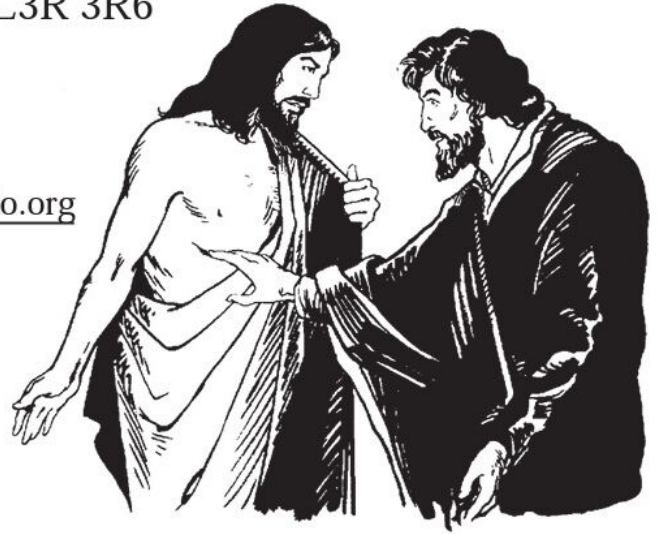
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: Office Closed

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

Part Time Secretaries: Maureen Daunt, Mary Carbery

## 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

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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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
Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Herwin Shillingford	416-824-3347
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

### PARISH MUSICIANS

#### Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday October 2** 12:10 p.m.  
+Elizabeth D'Souza  
(D'Souza Family)
- Monday October 2** 7:00 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Mass  
(Theresa Xue)
- Tuesday October 3** 12:10 p.m.  
+Theresa Ng Pang  
(Grace You)
- Tuesday October 3** 7:00 p.m.  
+Frank Carrubba  
(Family)
- Wednesday October 4** 12:10 p.m.  
+Ron Schaffhuber  
(Strumos Family)
- Wednesday October 4** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of the Genco Family
- Thursday October 5** 12:10 p.m.  
+Florence Madlambayan  
(Bueler Family)
- Thursday October 5** 7:00 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Mass  
(Theresa Xue)
- Friday October 6** 12:10 p.m.  
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin  
Imm Tan  
(Tan Family)
- Friday October 6** 7:00 p.m.  
For Vocation to the Priesthood
- Saturday October 7** 9:00 a.m.  
Living and deceased Sisters of the  
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their  
living and deceased families  
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday October 8** 5:00 p.m.  
+Maxime, Marie Anne and  
Joseph Yves Chan-Yan-Fong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Sunday October 8** 8:00 a.m.  
Intentions of the Rayner Family
- Sunday October 8** 10:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday October 8** 12:00 p.m.  
+Jason D'sa  
(Michael and Family)

## **TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** 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, Veronica Small, Annette McIntosh, Kevin Ramoutar, Benedict Maraj and Mimi Borromeo.

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Msgr. John Joseph Weber, Marion Barszczyk, Lucas Fernandes and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF OCTOBER (OCTOBER 6TH)**

Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.

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

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

### **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.

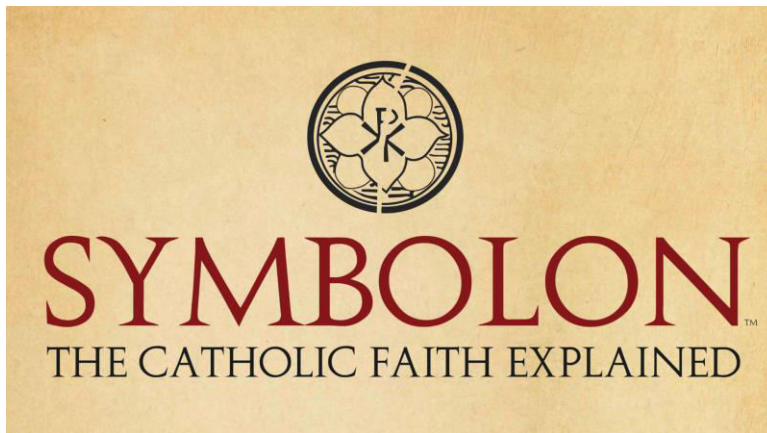


**OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** will begin the weekend of September 8/9 and end Thanksgiving weekend October 7/8. Food donations can be dropped off just outside the downstairs washrooms. Donations requested: tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup and stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard, beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals, peanut butter. Thank you for your generosity.



**PARENT LIAISON TO THE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**

We are looking for a parent from each of the schools – St. Benedict and St. Francis who have a child currently enrolled in the school to act as a parent liaison to the school parent council. Anyone who is interested can contact the parish office: 905-474-1224



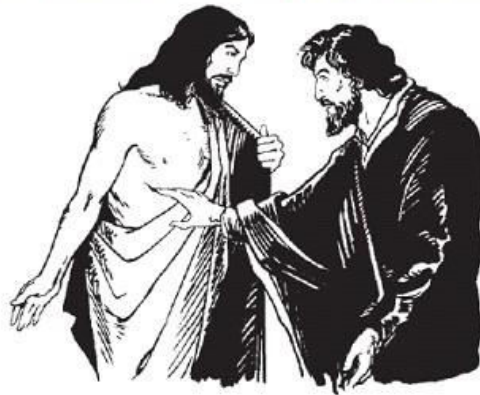
## **SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED**

In time for Christmas, we are launching SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith explained.

- **Part 1: Knowing the Faith.**
- **Part 2: Living the Faith.**

Join in fellowship every Tuesday starting 10<sup>th</sup> of October. 10 sessions to conclude 11 December. Each session is 90 minutes. You don't have to attend all the sessions. For more information: contact Les Rodrigues 905-479-6023.

## **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**



*“Dominus meus et Deus meus”*



## **MEN'S GROUP**

### **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEN'S GROUP**

....will be starting in our Parish the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Commencement Date: Saturday October 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Church Basement Hall. Registration will be on Saturday September 30th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday October 1st at the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon Masses. Contact person: Lloyd Mascarenhas, Cell: 647-461-2464, Email: [dyoll75@hotmail.com](mailto:dyoll75@hotmail.com)

### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$5,937.47 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).**

## **HUMANITARIAN AID FOR MOROCCO**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish – making cheques payable to (name of parish) – Morocco Earthquake

## **HUMANITARIAN AID FOR LIBYA**

Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

- Online through the website – [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)
- By phone through the Red Cross – 1-800-418-1111

Please continue to pray for those who have died, for those who are missing or displaced because of these tragic disasters in both Morocco and Libya and for all who are working hard to provide relief and rescue in both locations.

## **TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21 :28-32**

*Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.*

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities, the chief priests, and elders question Jesus about the source of His authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of His authority. Instead, He questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words: and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent – tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desired a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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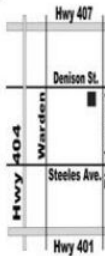
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