

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

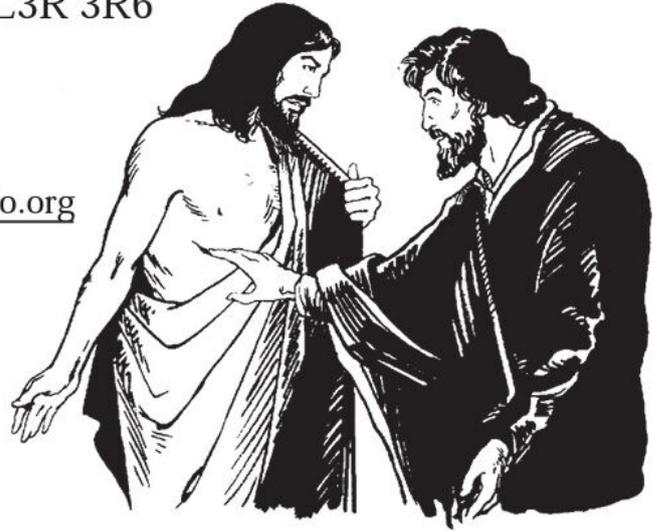
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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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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

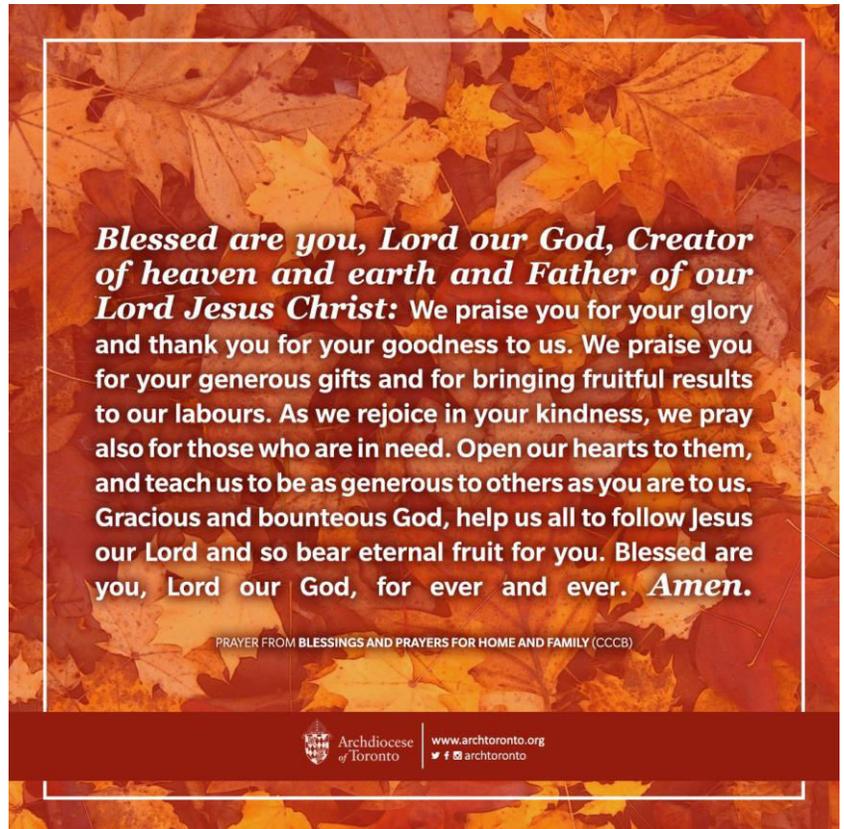
MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday October 9** 12:10 p.m.
+John Chiu
(Jefferson Tse)
- Monday October 9** 7:00 p.m.
No Evening Mass
- Tuesday October 10** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Tuesday October 10** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday October 11** 12:10 p.m.
+John D'Souza
(Family)
- Wednesday October 11** 7:00 p.m.
+Suthan Ponnudurai
(Family)
- Thursday October 12** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Joseph Anthonippilla
- Thursday October 12** 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Tina Carrubba on her Birthday
(Winnie Thien)
- Friday October 13** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Patricia, Paul and Steven Chong-Ah-Yan
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Friday October 13** 7:00 p.m.
Mass of Thanksgiving
(Theresa Xue)
- Saturday October 14** 9:00 a.m.
+Peter D'Sa
(D'Souza Family)
- Saturday October 14** 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Stefanne and Kenzie Atkins
(Family)
- Sunday October 15** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday October 15** 10:00 a.m.
+Rodolfo Asilador
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Sunday October 15** 12:00 p.m.
+Anne Margaret Ramjitham
(Gnanapragasam Family)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2023

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, 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, Erlinda Petfield, William McCavery, Ching Lan, Elsie Lin, Chiu Jung Lin

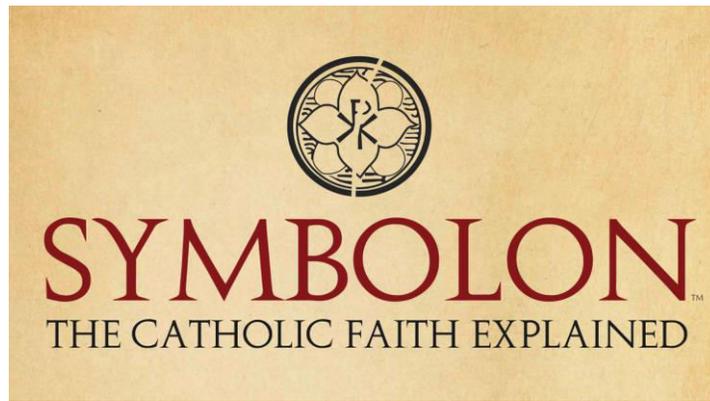
PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Purificacion Gimena, Margaret Carter, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



ON HOLIDAY MONDAY (THANKSGIVING – OCTOBER 9TH) THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$7,012.57
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)



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 10th 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.

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
- 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
- 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.



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

SHARELIFE: COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, [ShareLife](#) has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of [our parish's ShareLife Campaign](#) will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised \$83,078.85 (includes what was sent to the Diocese) towards our suggested goal of \$107,000.00 Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21 :33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of His teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers His own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that His message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways – though Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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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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