

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

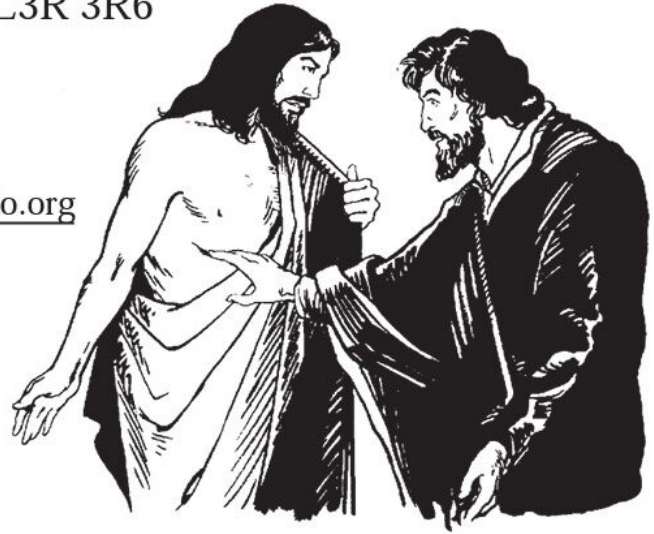
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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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 23** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Allan Dinglasan
- Monday October 23** 7:00 p.m.
+Conrad Salamillas
(Family)
- Tuesday October 24** 12:10 p.m.
+Claire Bellian Chua
(Tan Family)
- Tuesday October 24** 7:00 p.m.
+Antonio T. Tiongson
(Tiongson Family)
- Wednesday October 25** 12:10 p.m.
+Elizabeth Ramsbotham nee Pereira
(Sequeira Family)
- Wednesday October 25** 7:00 p.m.
+Kevin Fernandez
(Fernandez Family)
- Thursday October 26** 12:10 p.m.
+Katherine Wong
(Seck Family)
- Thursday October 26** 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Mass
(Myrna and John Fernandez)
- Friday October 27** 12:10 p.m.
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim,
Jin Imm Tan
(Tan Family)
- Friday October 27** 7:00 p.m.
+Edwin Lai Pow
(Family)
- Saturday October 28** 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Kimberly Lefko
- Saturday October 28** 5:00 p.m.
+Patricia Rodrigues and all deceased
members of the Rodrigues Family)
- Sunday October 29** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday October 29** 10:00 a.m.
+Bernadette Tow-Ying
and Lee Voon Ah-Chong
(Family)
- Sunday October 29** 12:00 p.m.
+Ann Canagasuriam
(Family)

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 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: Giovanna Costantino, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



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.



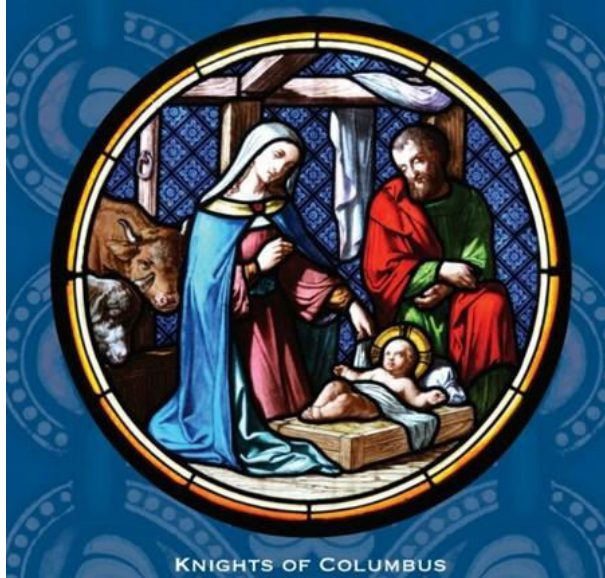
PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$6,240.02 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).

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.



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS CARDS STARTING
OCTOBER 28/29**

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.



REGISTRATION PACKAGES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For students in Grades 7 and up are available in the parish office. Students of St. Francis Xavier and St. Benedict will receive the registration package through their school.



RE: SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto. When you donate stocks, mutual funds, and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others.

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- *How to Gift Securities Info Sheet*

- *Letter of Direction*

To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on **December 21, 2023**.

Either via email to development@archtoronto.org or by fax at 416-934-3412. For more information, contact our office at stthomastheapostlema@archtoronto.org or 905-474-1224.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Mathew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that He take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, He shows Himself to be an enemy of Rome. If He answers with the Herodians, He offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap Him exposes the guile of His questioners. From His first words to them, Jesus shows that He is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to Him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes His response one step further. He asks that His questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

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