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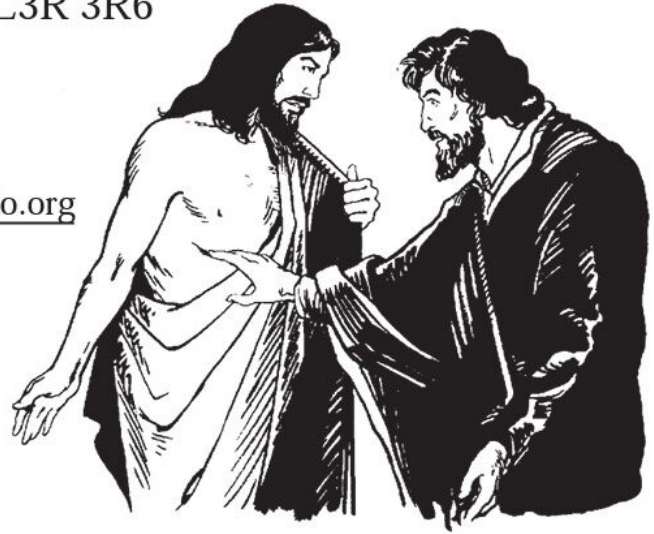
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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PARISH GROUPS

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| 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 |
| 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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 20 12:10 p.m.
+Charles, Maisie and Trevor Daunt
(Family)

Monday November 20 7:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Genco Family

Tuesday November 21 12:10 p.m.
+Lucy Tan
(Cheng Family)

Tuesday November 21 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Wednesday November 22 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Zachary and Mikaela Mak
(Pat Chong & Family)

Wednesday November 22 7:00 p.m.
Maronite Mass

Thursday November 23 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Chit and Josephine Szeto
(JP & Virginie Chan)

Thursday November 23 7:00 p.m.
+Walter Moo Choy
(Alicia)

Friday November 24 12:10 p.m.
+Father J. Basil Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Friday November 24 7:00 p.m.
+Father J. Basil Breen
(Jefferson Tse)

Saturday November 25 9:00 a.m.
+Tak Va Lei Chau
+ John Yee Mu Chau
(Chau Family)

Saturday November 25 5:00 p.m.
+Maria Leung and Anthony Yu
(Family)

Sunday November 26 8:00 a.m.
Deceased Members of the Sidoti Family

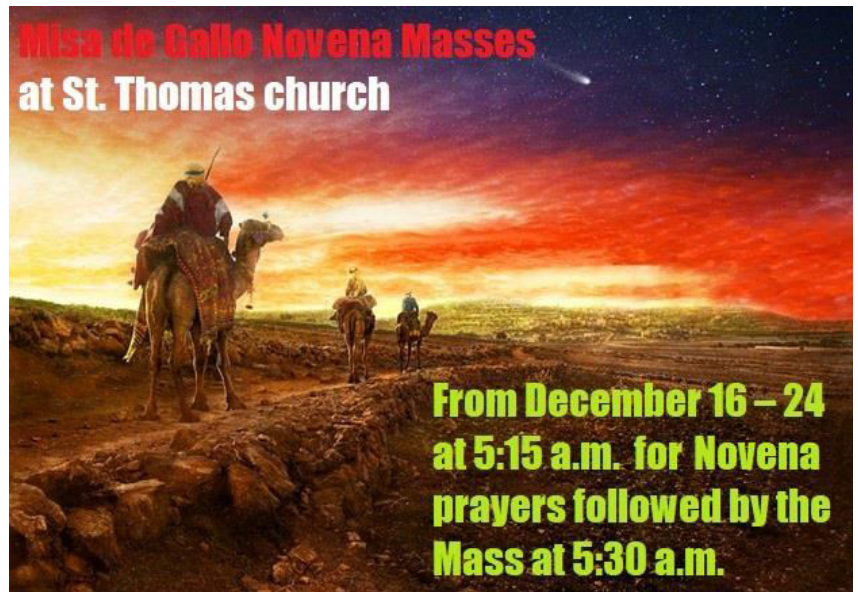
Sunday November 26 10:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday November 26 12:00 p.m.
+Lilia Tiongson
(Tiongson and Bulaon Families)

THIRTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 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, Anthony Small and Maryann Redoblado.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Philip Al. Wiley, Deacon Dominic Pullano, Teresa Paul, and for those who have no one to pray for.



MISA DE GALLO

The traditional Misa De Gallo previously held at the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca convent will now be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish starting **December 16 until December 24**. Novena prayers start at **5:15 a.m.** followed by Mass at **5:30 a.m.**



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received \$6,582.34 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).



Confirmation



**First Holy
Communion**

**REGISTRATION PACKAGES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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. First Communion grades 2 and up. Packages at school and at parish office for those in other schools.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION ON
SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.**

Buffet dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Liquor licensed – bring your own beverage. Only water available with dinner. Children dinner 7:00 p.m., followed by children's countdown at 8:00 p.m. There will be party favours, prizes and games. Tickets \$40.00. Early bird \$35.00 before November 30th. Children's tickets \$15.00. To reserve your tickets, contact an OASIS member, or email: oasis.stthomas@gmail.com or text Les 905-479-6023 or Russell 647-898-6480. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses, December 3 & 4 and 9 & 10. All proceeds to St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR THE OASIS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 19 in the parish hall, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Buffet lunch starts at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage. Only water is available. Karaoke, Carol singing, games. Tickets \$20.00 Early bird \$15.00 before November 30th. To reserve your tickets, contact your OASIS member, or email oasis.stthomas@gmail.com or text Les 905-479-6023 or Russell 647-898-6480. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses, December 3 and 4 and 9 and 10. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul.



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.



MATCHING GIFT PROMOTION FOR SHARELIFE

Between now and December 31, gifts to ShareLife will be matched up to \$500,000. Our office has been receiving calls from parishioners asking if we will have a matching campaign this year, and we are grateful for the generosity of the anonymous donor who is making this possible.



THIRTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14 - 30

Jesus Tells the parable of the talents in which He teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in the light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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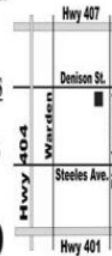
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