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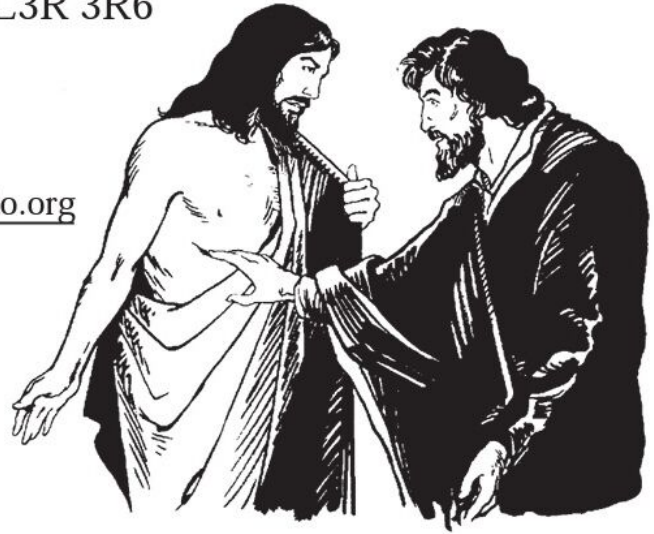
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

St. Benedict	905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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
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 November 27 12:10 p.m.**  
+Vincenzo Giovenco  
(Di Blasi Family)
- Monday November 27 7:00 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of the  
Cantos and Morelli Families
- Tuesday November 28 12:10 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of the  
Stuart and Moss Families  
(Pat Stuart)
- Tuesday November 28 7:00 p.m.**  
+Thelma Dique  
(Fernandez Family)
- Wednesday November 29, 12:10 p.m.**  
+Cardinal L. T. Picachy  
(Sunu)
- Wednesday November 29 7:00 p.m.**  
+Senia Veracruz  
(Family)
- Thursday November 30 12:10 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of the  
Yu and Leung Families  
(Family)
- Thursday November 30 7:00 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of the  
McKenna Family
- Friday December 1 12:10 p.m.**  
+Bellian Chua, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim, Jin  
Imm Tan  
(Tan Family)
- Friday December 1 7:00 p.m.**  
For Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday December 2 9:00 a.m.**  
Living and deceased Members of the  
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their  
living and deceased families  
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday December 2 5:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Jean-Philippe and Virginie  
Chan
- Sunday December 3 8:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday December 3 10:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Chantal and Jocques Wong  
(Pat Chong and Family)
- Sunday December 3 12:00 p.m.**  
Deceased Members of the  
Ladd and Osborne Families  
(Family)

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 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 A. Wiley, Deacon Dominic Pullano, Teresa Paul, Teresa Wong and for those who have no one to pray for.



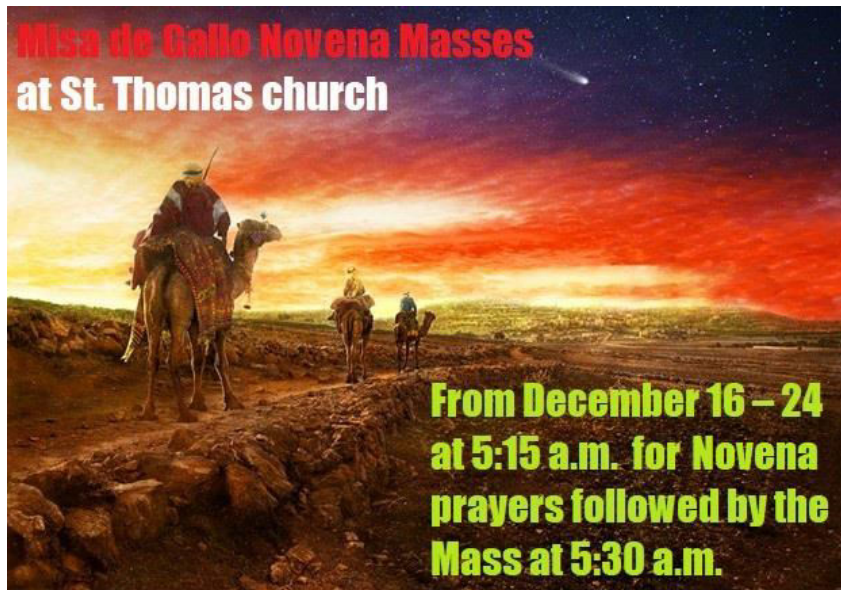
**THE FIRST FRIDAY OF DECEMBER (DECEMBER 1st)**

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



**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.



### **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.**



### **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.



**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.



OASIS

Christmas  
Luncheon

December 19, 2023

**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](mailto: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.



**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](mailto: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.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received \$7,702.10 (Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.).**



### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:31-46**

**Jesus teaches that when the Son of man comes in glory,  
He will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.**

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with His disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our Liturgical Year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to His disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones – the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus who suffered on the Cross, identifies Himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones, we have served Christ Himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the last ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows Himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept Him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

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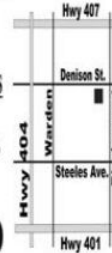
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