

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

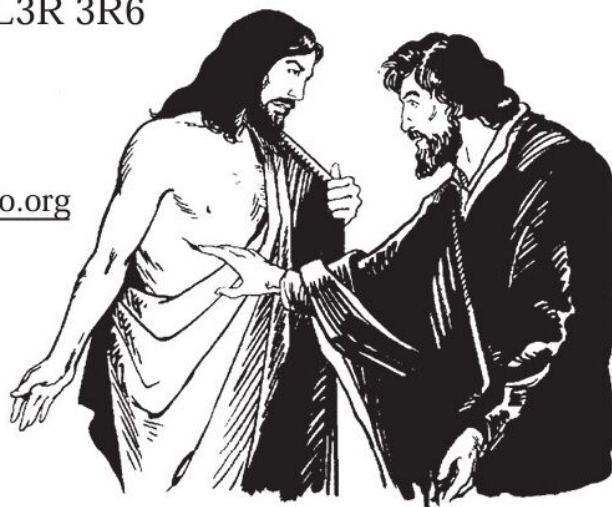
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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)
 Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (in residence) 647-877-1774
 Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)
 Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)
 Part Time Secretary: Maureen Daunt

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

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Ushers	Alex Ho-Shue	905-479-2543
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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
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Men's Group	Lloyd Macheranes	647-461-2464
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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 February 12 12:10 p.m.**
Deceased Members of the
McKenna Family
(Family)
- Monday February 12 7:00 p.m.**
Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday February 13 12:10 p.m.**
+Smith Mackenzie
(Jacqueline Mackenzie)
- Tuesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.**
+Agatha Moo Choy
(Family)
- Wednesday February 14 12:10 p.m.**
Ash Wednesday
+Sophie Franco
(Sanu)
- Wednesday February 14 7:00 p.m.**
Ash Wednesday
+Alvin Smith
- Thursday February 15 12:10 p.m.**
+John McKenna
(Family)
- Thursday February 15 7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of Teresa Dadula
- Friday February 16 12:10 p.m.**
+Nick and Catherine D'Alessandro
(Family)
- Friday February 16 7:00 p.m.**
+Mother Speranza D'Alessandro
- Saturday February 17 9:00 a.m.**
Intentions of Lolita Penalosa
- Saturday February 17 5:00 p.m.**
Living and Deceased Members of the
Atkins and Demers Families
(Family)
- Sunday February 18 8:00 a.m.**
For the People
- Sunday February 18 10:00 a.m.**
+Chan Chiu Choy Ying
(Chung Family)
- Sunday February 18 12:00 p.m.**
+Harry Ramadhin
(Family)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

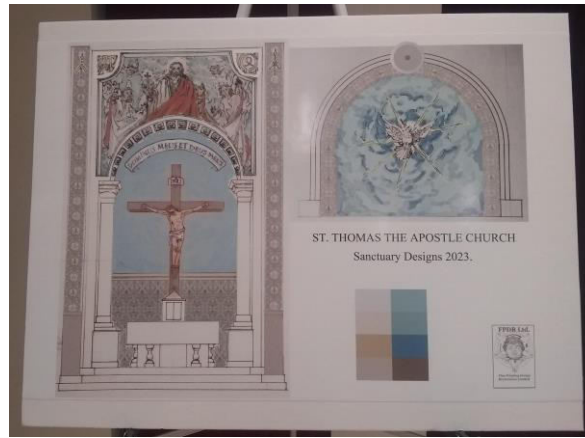
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Lynn 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, Anthony Small, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Luchie Redoblado, Audrey Carb, Deacon Everis Munroe, Gregorio Cardelli, Francis Castor Jr. and Joyce D'Souza

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Mother Speranza D'Alessandro, Mary Foo, Grace DiFede, Sarkis Yaghia Kibalian, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be the usual two Masses at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be distribution of Ashes at St. Benedict at 10:30 a.m. and St. Francis Xavier at 10:20 a.m. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence (no Meat).** There will be a collection at both Masses for ShareLife.



SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

The second phase of our [Sanctuary renovation project](#) is continuing. We would like to reopen fundraising for the new phase and are hoping to raise another \$45,000.00, approximately half of the cost of the work to be completed. There are three ways that you can give:

- 1) Bring your donation to the office during office hours.
- 2) Place your donation in a blank envelope with your parish envelope # in the collection basket at a weekend Mass. Please write **Sanctuary Renovation** on the front of the envelope.

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- 3) Go to the [Donate](#) button on our parish website. You can donate using your debit or credit card. After you complete the donation process, you will receive an email confirmation receipt. Please print out a copy of the receipt, write **Sanctuary Renovation** on the receipt and bring it to the office so that we can allocate the money to the Sanctuary Project and not to the general account. **We have collected: \$23,625.00.**



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as He did. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2024

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOLEMN TRIDUUM (MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY SATURDAY)

Mission Director: Fr. Darlington Oparaike

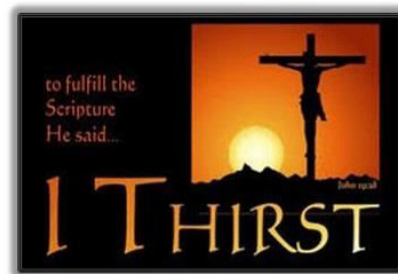
Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tue, Wed, Thu), Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

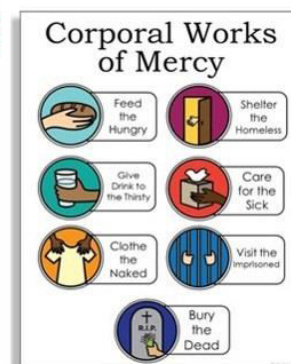
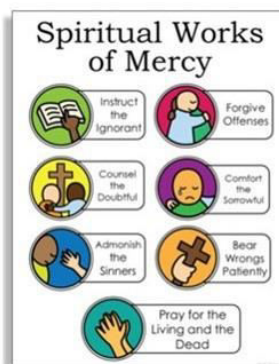
DAY 1: PRAYER – THE PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST (MAUNDY THURSDAY)



DAY 2: FASTING – I THIRST FOR YOUR SOUL (GOOD FRIDAY)



DAY 3: ALMSGIVING – SPIRITUAL & CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (HOLY SATURDAY)



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2024

- ✠ Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving in Relationship with the Solemn Triduum - (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday)
- ✠ Mission Director: Fr. Darlington Oparaike
- ✠ Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- ✠ Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- ✠ Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church
- ✠ Day 1: PRAYER: THE PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST (MAUNDY THURSDAY) - March 12th



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses)

We received: \$7,522.85 February 4, 2024



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 1 :40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmissions is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious, and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend Himself in order to heal someone. While healing the Man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

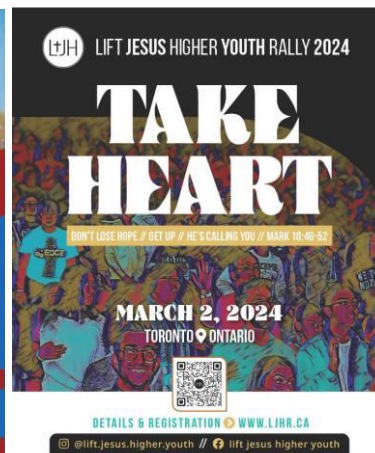
Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made Himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by His popularity. Despite His instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought Him out in search of His healing.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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