

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

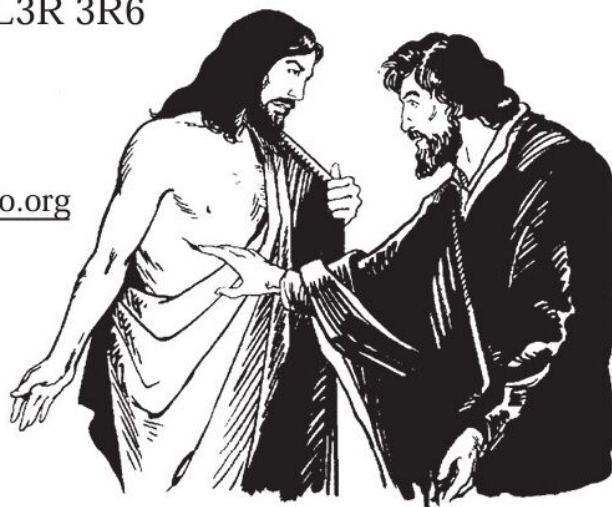
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
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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 19 9:00 a.m.**  
+Anna Lilina and Chow Kwang Nam  
(Henry)

**Monday February 19 7:00 p.m.**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Tuesday February 20 12:10 p.m.**  
Intentions of Lorna Deo

**Tuesday, February 20 7:00 p.m.**  
+Jennifer Jacob  
(Jacob Family)

**Wednesday February 21 12:10 p.m.**  
+Eileen Logtenberg  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Wednesday February 21 7:00 p.m.**  
+Mary U  
(Al Jacob)

**Thursday February 22 12:10 p.m.**  
+Bernadette Tow-Ying  
+Lee Voon Ah-Chong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Thursday February 22 7:00 p.m.**  
**Maronite Mass**

**Friday February 23 12:10 p.m.**  
+Nadine Richards  
(Gina Creta)

**Friday February 23 7:00 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Mary Celina and Anna-Nathan on their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday February 24 9:00 a.m.**  
+Ruth Pullen  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Saturday February 24 5:00 p.m.**  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Aloysius Carvalho

**Sunday February 25 8:00 a.m.**  
For the People

**Sunday February 25 10:00 a.m.**  
+Reinaldo Vieira-Ribeiro  
(Family)

**Sunday February 25 12:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Daniel Char Te Ming  
(Teresa Lin Shen Lan)

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

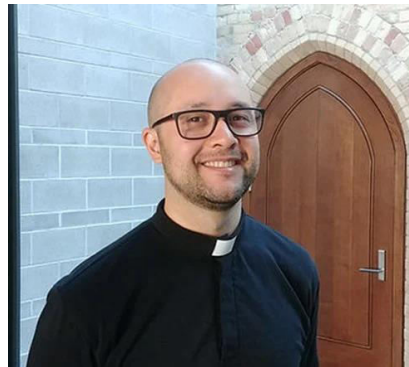
**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, 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 Anna Azimi

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Joyce D'Souza and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses)  
We received: \$6,302.42 February 11, 2024



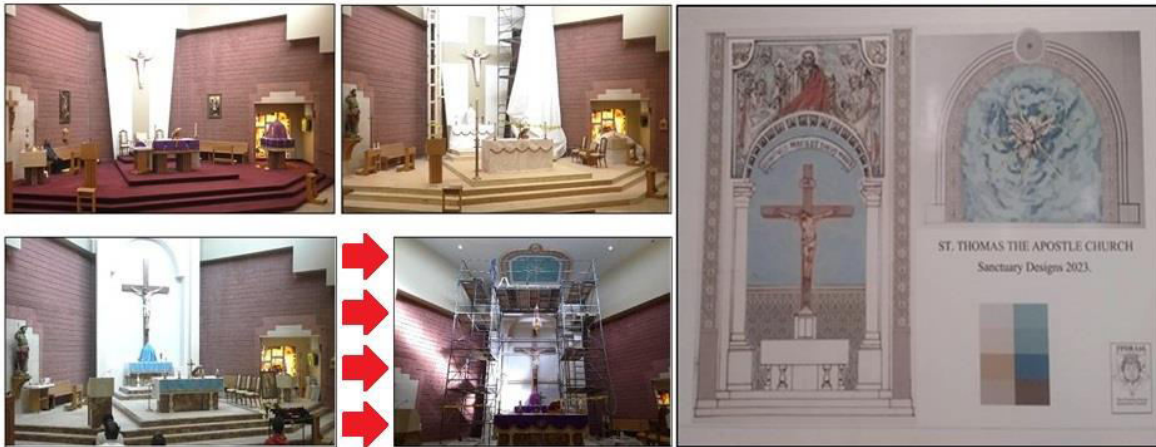
### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Lent: the Springtime of the Soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Sanctuary Fundraiser and Renovation - Second Phase (murals)



### 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.**



**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER MASS ON FRIDAYS**

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, MARKHAM

14 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 3R6

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2024

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

**Mission Director: Fr. Darlington Oparaike**

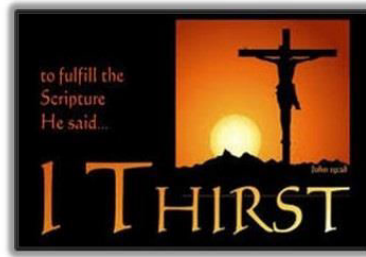
**Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tue, Wed, Thu), Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

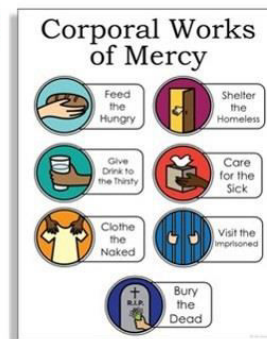
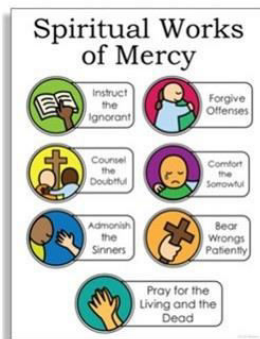
**DAY 1: PRAYER – THE  
PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST  
(MAUNDY THURSDAY)**



**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. (Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Mission Talk.)**

**Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

- ✠ **Day 1: PRAYER - THE PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST (MAUNDY THURSDAY) – Tuesday March 12.**
- ✠ **Day 2: FASTING - I THIRST FOR YOUR SOUL (GOOD FRIDAY) – Wednesday March 13.**
- ✠ **Day 3: ALMSGIVING - SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (HOLY SATURDAY) – Thursday March 14.**



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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15**

*Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.*

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke – but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and for 40 days He was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented Him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of His time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows His Baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after His Baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after His temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in His saving death on the Cross.

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