

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

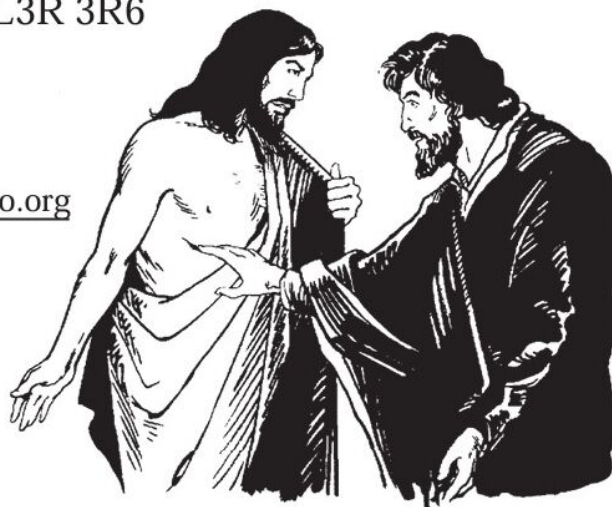
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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### PARISH GROUPS

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Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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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 March 4** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping
- Monday March 4** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Helga Roth  
(Family)
- Tuesday March 5** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Susanne Hong Ping
- Tuesday, March 5** 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday March 6** 12:10 p.m.  
+Josephine Pereira  
(Tony Pereira and Family)
- Wednesday March 6** 7:00 p.m.  
+Asuncion Policarpio  
(Family)
- Thursday March 7** 12:10 p.m.  
+Maria Lee  
(Cheng Family)
- Thursday March 7** 7:00 p.m.  
+Tony Tse  
(Grace you)
- Friday March 8** 12:10 p.m.  
+Maria Nardozi  
+Angela Ferri  
(Family)
- Friday March 8** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Lim)
- Saturday March 9** 9:00 a.m.  
Intentions of Edward Hong Ping
- Saturday March 9** 5:00 p.m.  
+Maxime, Marie Anne and Joseph  
Yves Chan-Yan-Fong  
(Family)
- Sunday March 10** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday March 10** 10:00 a.m.  
Living and deceased members of the  
Roth Family  
(Family)
- Sunday March 10** 12:00 p.m.  
+Elsie Lin Ching Lan  
(Ying Fang and Petr Yeh)

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** **SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024**

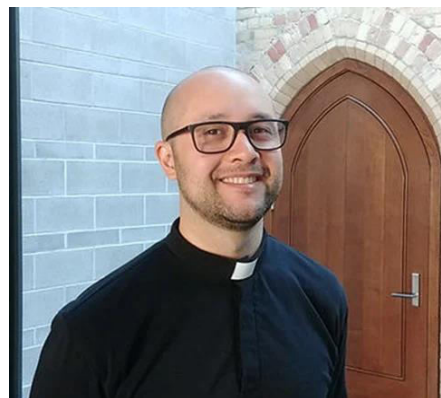
**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan,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

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Father Joseph Kwok Cheung Ho, Mimi Borromeo, Erlinda Petfield, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).  
We received: \$5,738.97 February 25, 2024.



### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation to the Church. **If you think God might be 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)  
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# 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**

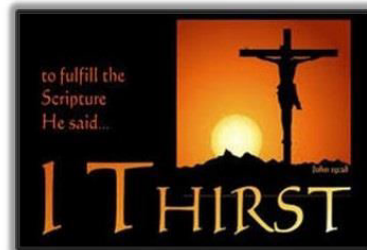
**Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tue, Wed, Thu), Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

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

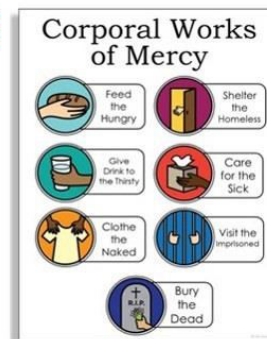
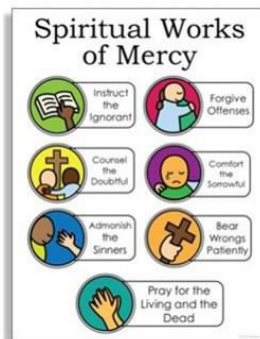
**DAY 1: PRAYER – THE  
PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST  
(MAUNDY THURSDAY)**



**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.**



## 2nd ANNUAL ST. THOMAS YARD SALE

(hosted by KofC council 10182)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

**8:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

- **TABLE RENTAL \$20** (\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHURCH)
- **TICKET SALES BEGIN WEEKEND OF APRIL 6/7th**
- KofC information booth
- **KofC will be selling food** (all proceeds go to charity and church)

*'Tis a great time to purge and start your winter/spring cleaning!!!!!!!!*

## **2nd ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SALE**

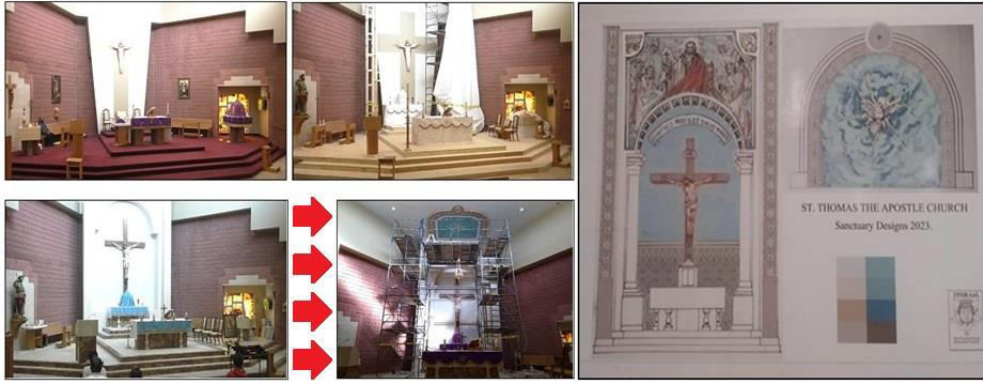
**HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **Sunday April 28th – 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (in the Church Hall)**
- **\$20 to rent a table – “all proceeds go to the Church\***
- **Ticket sales start weekend April 6/7**
- **KOC Information booth**
- **KOC will be selling food – \*proceeds go to charity and church\***



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

## 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: **\$28,475.00**



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

*Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that He will destroy the temple and raise it up again.*

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted His death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of His authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this time opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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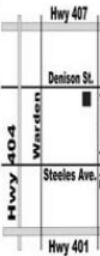
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