

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

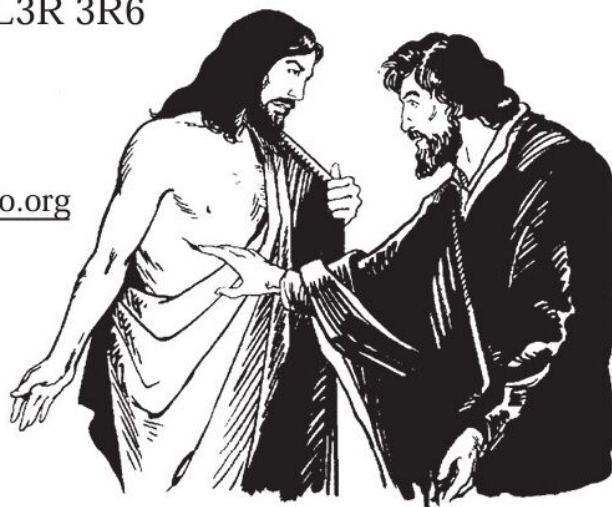
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
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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 11** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Lutchmi Deo
- Monday March 11** 7:00 p.m.
+Grace Di Fede
(Chiu Family)
- Tuesday March 12** 12:10 p.m.
+Matthew Dreimaris
- Tuesday, March 12** 7:00 p.m.
+Mary Foo
(Family)
- Wednesday March 13** 12:10 p.m.
+Elizabeth Grandy
- Wednesday March 13** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Patricia McKenna
(Teresa McKenna)
- Thursday March 14** 12:10 p.m.
+Muriel McGregor
- Thursday March 14** 7:00 p.m.
+Terrance Treasure
(Richard Chai and Family)
- Friday March 15** 12:10 p.m.
Reparation to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Friday March 15** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Maria Lim)
- Saturday March 16** 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Monica Logtenberg
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday March 16** 5:00 p.m.
+Lizette Wong Chuk Yin
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Sunday March 17** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday March 17** 10:00 a.m.
+Elsie Lin Ching Lan
(Ying Fang and Peter Yeh)
- Sunday March 17** 12:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Juliet Thambiah

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024

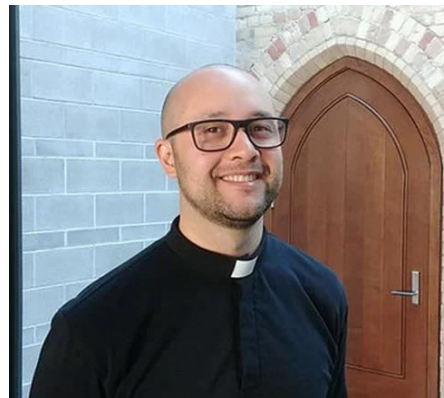
PRAY FOR THE SICK: Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, Lynn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

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Marie Downey and for those who have no one to pray for them.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$7,210.02.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Paul reminds us that we are “created in Christ Jesus for good works”. **If you think God’s plan for you could be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

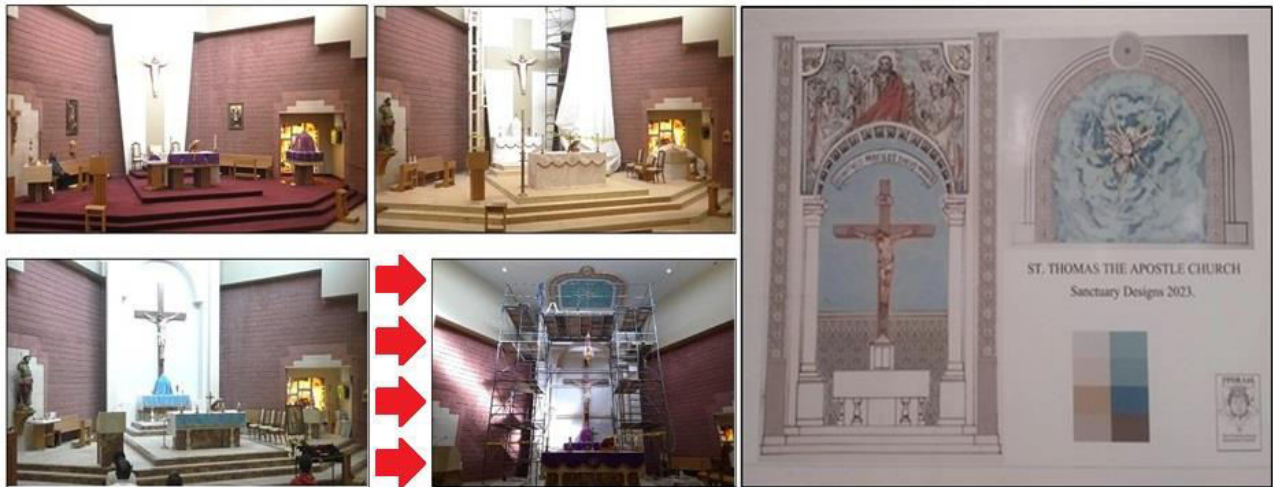
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 9/10, 2024**

- **FYI reminder:** Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 am.
- Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour when you go to bed on Saturday evening, March 9, 2024.
- [Here is a link with detailed information regarding the time change.](#)

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: **\$29,591.00.**



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*



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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

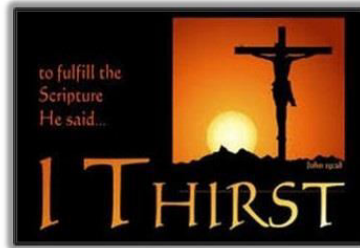
Date: March 12-14, 2024 (Tue, Wed, Thu), Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church

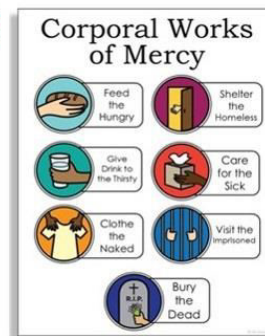
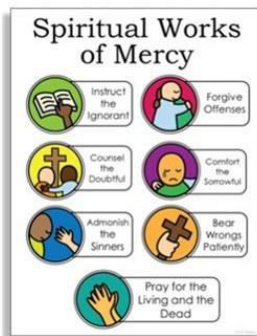
**DAY 1: PRAYER – THE
PRIESTHOOD & THE EUCHARIST
(MAUNDY THURSDAY)**



**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. (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.**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the Liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through His death and Resurrection.

The Second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In this reflection, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in His Gospel: light and darkness, belief, and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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