

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

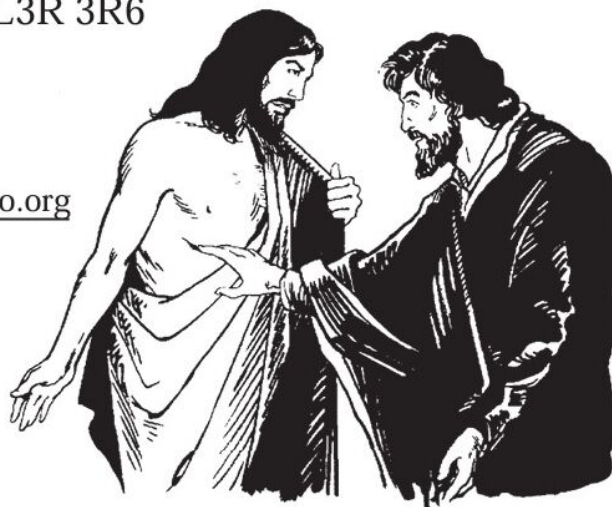
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### 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
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Men's Group	Lloyd Macheranes	647-461-2464
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 March 18** 12:10 p.m.  
Reparation to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Monday March 18** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of the Genco Family

**Tuesday March 19** 12:10 p.m.  
Living and deceased family and friends  
of Chit and Josephine Szeto

**Tuesday, March 19** 7:00 p.m.  
+Mary Foo  
(Family)

**Wednesday March 20** 12:10 p.m.  
Salvation of Sinners

**Wednesday March 20** 7:00 p.m.  
+Francis Xavier Fernandes  
(Tony Pereira and Family)

**Thursday March 21** 12:10 p.m.  
The Clergy, Staff and Volunteers at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

**Thursday March 21** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions for Tom

**Friday March 22** 12:10 p.m.  
+Patrick Chin

**Friday March 22** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Lim)

**Saturday March 23** 9:00 a.m.  
+Deirdre Porter

**Saturday March 23** 5:00 p.m.  
+Grace Di Fede  
(Daunt Family)

**Sunday March 24** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday March 24** 10:00 a.m.  
+Ruth Pullen  
+Lawrence Pullen Jr.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Sunday March 24** 12:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Allan Dinglasan

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024**

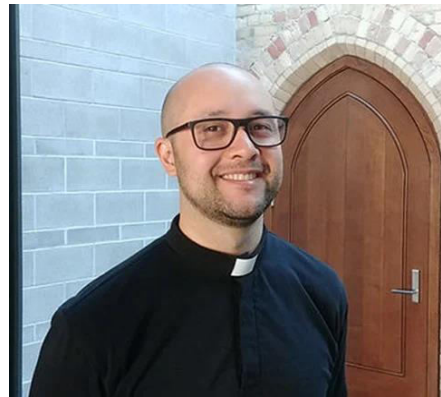
**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Bruce Crepe, Romana Pena, Godofredo Pena Jr., Priscilla Lumanlan, Paul Giallonardo, Liza Chan, William Lee Ah-Chong, Amy Tsang, Grace Chan, 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:** Shene Ing Char, Marie Downey, Maggie Leung, Joseph Luk and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).  
We received: \$6,392.52.



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. **If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

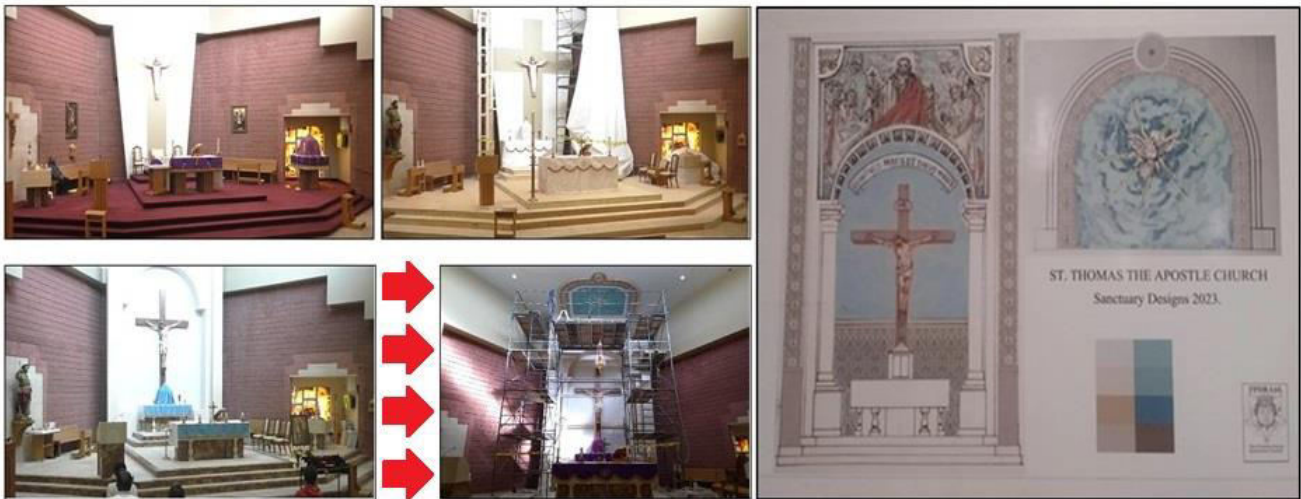
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**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER MASS ON FRIDAYS**

**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: **\$30,151.00.**



## 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\*



## **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.



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33**

*Jesus teaches His disciples about the way in which He will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.*

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead – an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted His suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared His disciples to believe in the salvation that His death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that His dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be His disciples must follow His example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before His arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question He raises when asking God to save Him from His impending death. After announcing His conviction that it is for this purpose that He came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' Baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration – events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel – affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in Him.

In Today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand His passion, death, and Resurrection. Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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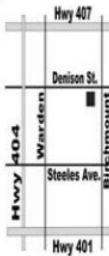
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