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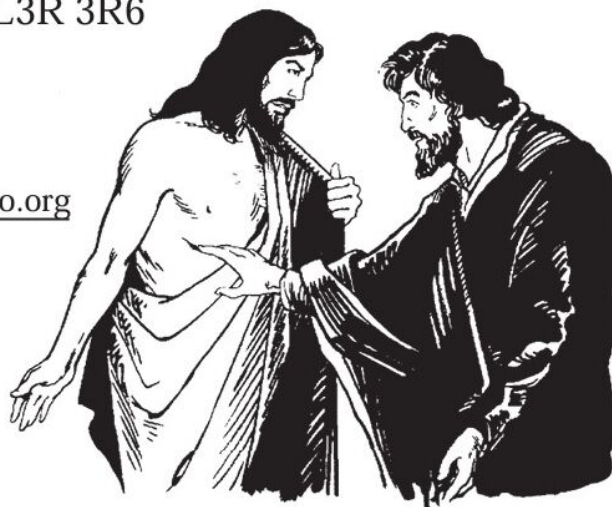
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

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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 for the Intentions Week

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

Monday April 1 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Theres, Charles,
Kimberley, and Noel Chen Family
(JP and Virginia Chan)

Monday April 1 7:00 p.m.
+Felicidad Cantos
(Family)

Tuesday April 2 12:10 p.m.
+Smith and John Mackenzie
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Tuesday April 2 7:00 p.m.
Theresa Yu

Wednesday April 3 12:10 p.m.
+Hing Lan Maria Leung
(Family)

Wednesday April 3 7:00 p.m.
+Erlinda Petfield
(Mary Lou Papa)

Thursday April 4 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Chin Szeto and Kenneth Eng
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Thursday April 4 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday April 5 12:10 p.m.
+Ken and Una Nathaniel
(Pat Stuart)

Friday April 5 7:00 p.m.
For Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday April 6 9:00 a.m.
Living and Deceased Daughters of
St. Mary of Leuca and their living
and deceased families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday April 6 5:00 p.m.
+Joyce D'Souza
(Family)

Sunday April 7 8:00 a.m.
For the People the Parish

Sunday April 7 10:00 a.m.
+Alfred Roth
(Family)

Sunday April 7 12:00 p.m.
Confirmation Mass

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., Anna Azini and Kevin Caleb

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have no one to pray for them.



Risen Jesus,

help us to see you through our confusion. When we have been waiting, it can be hard to recognize the One for whom we wait. Help us to laugh in wonder when we realize what you have been working to show us all along: that new life can come from every hurt. Amen.

Alleluia!



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HAPPY EASTER to all our parishioners and visitors at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. May our celebration of the Paschal Mystery inspire us to live our faith in the Resurrection of the Lord, provide us with hope in times of suffering and bring us closer to God. May our faith strengthen us to bear witness to God's love for all His children.



LET US PRAY FOR ALL NEWLY BAPTIZED

and those who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord who has given them the grace of the sacraments help them to grow in faith, hope and charity. *Thanks to all catechists and sponsors who accompanied them through the Rite of Christian Initiation.*



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE THE CEREMONIES OF HOLY WEEK

So many people are involved to make Holy Week and the Easter Triduum sacred and solemn events celebrated in our parish: The Sisters of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, the altar servers, choirs, ushers, lectors, catechists – let us be thankful for all who offer their time and talent to serve God and one another in our parish for Easter and throughout the whole year.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$8,489.97.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. **If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call 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

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



**CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,
AT THE 5:00 P.M. AND 12:00 NOON MASSES.**



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*



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' Tomb

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50 – day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and His Resurrection.

Each of the Four gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes Him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our Liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through His appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus – in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

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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.

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