

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

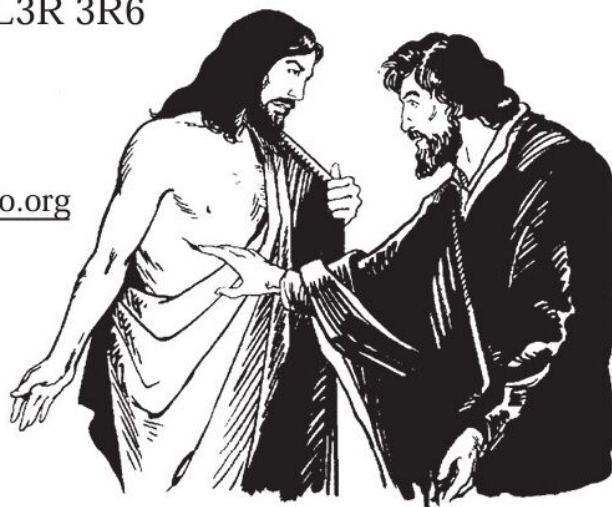
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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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Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
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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 for the Intentions Week

Monday April 22 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Teresa and Pat McKenna
(Teresa Fernandes)

Monday April 22 7:00 p.m.
+Irene Tsang
(Yung Family)

Tuesday April 23 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Father David Sands

Tuesday April 23 7:00 p.m.
+Richardo Livara
(Family)

Wednesday April 24 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Julius Toth

Wednesday April 24 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Kimbely Lefko

Thursday April 25 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Isabel Frias

Thursday April 25 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping

Friday April 26 12:10 p.m.
+Msgr. Gerard Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Friday April 26 7:00 p.m.
+Carmen S. Tionson
(Tionson Family)

Saturday April 27 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of the Sisters at
St. Mary of Leuca

Saturday April 27 5:00 p.m.
+Anna Starkiewicz
(Ramsay Family)

Sunday April 28 8:00 a.m.
+Magdeline Ng
(Cheng Family)

Sunday April 28 10:00 a.m.
+Enrigue Jose
(Family)

Sunday April 28 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **SUNDAY APRIL 21, 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., Anna Azini and Kevin Caleb

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Reverend Clarence Ervin Watrin and for those who have no one to pray for them.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This is [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#). The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The church needs good leaders as well, leader who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. **If you feel that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



ON FRIDAY JULY 5TH, 2024 OUR CHURCH WILL BE REDEDICATED BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO IN CELEBRATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR SANCTUARY
The Rededication will take place at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the large hall. All are welcome.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$6,468.70 (April 14, 2024).



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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, MARKHAM

14 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 3R6

PENTECOST HALF DAY OF REFLECTION

TALK 1:

**HOLY SPIRIT –
THE SPOUSE OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**



TALK 2:

**LIVING IN THE TIME OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT
("THE FORGOTTEN
GOD")**



Reflection Director: Fr. Francis Salasiar CSC



Date: Saturday May 11, 2024

Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall

ORGANIZED BY THE MEN'S GROUP

PENTECOST HALF DAY OF REFLECTION

- By Father Francis Salasiar, CSC
- Talk 1: Holy Spirit – The Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Talk 2: Living in the Time of The Holy Spirit ("The Forgotten God")
- Date: Saturday May 11, 2024
- Time: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Venue St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall.
- Organized by the Men's Group

53RD INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

ECUADOR

SEPTEMBER 6-16, 2024



HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening ceremony and opening Mass
- Eucharistic adoration evening
- Daily prayer times, workshops and discussions
- Guided tour of Quito with an English-speaking guide

For additional information, pricing and registration details, please visit:
www.archtoronto.org/iec

Experience a pilgrimage to Ecuador to attend the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress, accompanied by Fr. Chris Cauchi (Archdiocese of Toronto) and Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn (Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth).

Be a part of the national delegation with participants expected from across Canada.

Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Registration deadline:
June 6, 2024

Book before
May 6
for early bird
discount



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INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2024

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation!

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8 – 15, 2024. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/iec>. Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.



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*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus says that He is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three Lectionary Cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th Chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when He declares Himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This Chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31, 39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes His relationship with His followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices Himself for the sake of His sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when He describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when He lays down His life is rooted in the unity that He shares with His Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom He shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

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