# 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.

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# "Dominus meus et Deus meus"

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St. Francis Xavier	

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416-298-2541

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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
Legion of Mary Jr.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
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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

#### DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350



- Monday May 20 12:10 p.m. Intentions of Luis Rafael Frias Monday May 20 7:00 p.m. +Glenn Guillem (Guillem Family)
- Tuesday May 2112:10 p.m.Intentions of Bill Castleford<br/>(Jackie Mackenzie)(Jackie Mackenzie)Tuesday May 217:00 p.m.Deceased Members of the<br/>Senia and Corazon Families<br/>(Family)(Family)

Wednesday May 22 12:10 p.m. +Ernesto and Vicky Vallejo (Ver Family) Wednesday May 22 7:00 p.m. Maronite Mass

- Thursday May 23 +Rolly Papa (Family) 12:10 p.m.
- Thursday May 23 +Isidro Nicolas (Family) 7:00 p.m.

Friday May 2412:10 p.m.+Glenda Lobo and +Vivian Lobo and for<br/>the Living members of the Lobo FamilyFriday May 247:00 p.m.<br/>Intentions of the Genco Family

Saturday May 25 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Sen Saturday May 25 5:00 p.m. +Cristobal Cruz (Family)

Sunday May 26 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 26 10:00 a.m. ++Francisco Bornay (Family) Sunday May 26 12:00 Noon Intentions of Yvonne Sen (Family)

# PENTECOST SUNDAY SUNDAY MAY 19, 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:** For those who have no one to pray for them.



# THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Matthew 25:40: 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all our parishioners and benefactors for the financial support provided in 2023. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make over 150 visits to the less fortunate Neighbours-in-Need in our community, and provided financial assistance in the form of grocery cards to 200 adults and 160 children, to a total value of \$16,000. Your continued support to help our Neighbours-in-Need in 2024 is also greatly appreciated.





#### HIGHLIGHTS

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



# **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 <u>https://www.archtoronto.org/iec</u>. **Registration deadline is June 6.** 



ON FRIDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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.



# **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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



# 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.



## SHARELIFE-FUNDED AGENCIES TURNS NO ONE AWAY

Did you know no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your compassionate and generous heart.

Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Thus far we have raised **\$36,368.35** towards our goal of **\$100,000.00** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, <u>online through our parish website</u>, or at <u>sharelife.org/donate</u>.



*First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11* 

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

The Season of Easter concludes with today's Celebration, The Solemnity of Pentecost. On Pentecost, we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's First Reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His Disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to know that after His death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His Disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the Solemnity of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His Disciples with the Gift of Peace. Jesus then commissions His Disciples to continue the work that He has begun: "as The Father has sent Me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples and sends them to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's Sacramental Life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrated the mercy of God though the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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