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 Secretaries: Maureen Daunt, Geraldine Rocha

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 St. Francis Xavier

905-475-9646 905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

| MANNAL LUNCT | | |
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| Altar Boys | Father Allyn Rose | Parish Office |
| Lectors | Anna Torres | 416-335-9142 |
| Ushers | Alex Ho-Shue | 905-479-2543 |
| Screening Coordinator | Liz Pinto | 905-889-5755 |
| R.C.I.A. | Juliette Huang | 416-302-1823 |
| Legion of Mary | Winnie Thien | 416-889-0659 |
| Legion of Mary Sr. | Seth Bueler | 905-474-9981 |
| 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 |
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PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

416-298-2541

DAY CARE

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday July 8 12:10 p.m. +Joyce D'Souza (Family) **Monday July 8** 7:00 p.m. +Teodosia Kang (Helene Sang Yang) **Tuesday July 9** 12:10 p.m. +John Francis Darlington (Lynch Family) **Tuesday July 9** 7:00 p.m. Intention of Theodore Lo on this Birthday (Friend)

Wednesday July 10 +Richard Raicich (Zamora Family) 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday July 10 7:00 p.m. Intention of Dennis Lau Moon Lin on his birthday (Al Jacob)

Thursday July 11 12:10 p.m. +Antonio T. Tiongson (Tiongson Family)

Thursday July 11 7:00 p.m. +Francis D'Souza and Monica Fonseca (Family)

Friday July 12 12:10 p.m. +Francis Tan Ah-Chong + Peter Leong (Family)

Friday July 12 7:00 p.m. Holy Souls

Saturday July 139:00 a.m.For the living and deceased members of
the Greaves and Gaskin FamiliesSaturday July135:00 p.m.+Hon and Evelyn Ng Fuk Chong
(Family)

Sunday July 14 +Mary Liu (Family) 8:00 a.m.

Sunday July 1410:00 a.m.Souls in Purgatory and intentions of
Grandchildren's exams
(Mario and Madaline Jesuthasan)Sunday July 1412:00 Noon
For the People of the Parish

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 7, 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, Kevin Caleb Wenyuen Song, Tony Pinto, Kelly Smith and Collin Pereira.

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings speak of prophets sent by God. Could God be calling you to be His voice in His Church at this time? If so, you could give it a try by responding to that inclination towards priesthood, religious life or diaconate by calling Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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



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THE NEXT LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

will be on July 13 to July 14 after all Masses. A book borrow is a library of spiritual/religious books that parishioners can borrow at no cost, to read at their leisure and return the signed-out items when they are done with them. These books will help deepen the faith in life's journey. To assist you with your choice of book(s), legionaries will be available in the foyer of the church after the Mass.



This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of His ministry to His disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In His hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and His early life. Jesus' kinfolks know Him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from His father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the Son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother and sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the Son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by His own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus Himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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ICON OF CHRIST THE TEACHER ADDED TO AMBO Link to original "Sanctuary Fundraiser and Renovation" post on parish website Link to (updated) YouTube video of St. Thomas the Apostle Sanctuary Renovation from start (March 13, 2024) to July 4, 2024 Link to (updated) Google photo album of St. Thomas the Apostle Sanctuary Renovation Photos (July 4, 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.



Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses). We received: \$6,219.58 (June 30, 2024, - includes PAG and Donate Now). Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637

