

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 905-475-9646

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PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024

- Monday July 15** 12:10 p.m.
+Theresa Arsenault
(Chit & Josephine Szeto, Anne Spiteri,
Maria Francisco)
- Monday July 15** 7:00 p.m.
+Anthony Albert
(Family)
- Tuesday July 16** 12:10 p.m.
+Glenda Lobo, +Vivian Lobo and living
members of the Lobo Family.
- Tuesday July 16** 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Franklin Dane Chong.
- Wednesday July 17** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Mildred and Anthony Pereira
- Wednesday July 17** 7:00 p.m.
+Irene and Cosmo Vieira, James Fraser,
Emilio Fiorino, Maria Ciardullo
- Thursday July 18** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Virginia and JP Chan and Family
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)
- Thursday July 18** 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Gene Chong
- Friday July 19** 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Maria Lim)
- Friday July 19** 7:00 p.m.
+Elsie Lin
(Family)
- Saturday July 20** 9:00 a.m.
Deceased Members of the
McKenna Family
- Saturday July 20** 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Thomas and
Johnson Families
(Daunt Family)
- Sunday July 21** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday July 21** 10:00 a.m.
+Evelyn Sanchez Tan
(Endo Family)
- Sunday July 21** 12:00 Noon
+Josef Greif, Sr. and Rosina Greif
+Theresia and Michael Haga
(Greif Family)

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: Genevieve Hate, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing currently and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. **If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of 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



**JULY 14, 2024 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YOU HELP YOUNG PARENTS
RAISE THEIR CHILDREN WITH LOVE AND CARE**

[Rosalie Hall](#) is one of the agencies you support through [ShareLife](#). They are a mental health facility focused on the needs of pregnant and young parents, their children and their families.

[Your support of ShareLife](#) provides hope and support as they raise their children with love and care. Thank you for your kind generosity.

We have collected \$87,630.31 towards our goal of \$100,000.

Thank you for showing your love and compassion through ShareLife.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).

We received: \$7,378.48 (July 7, 2024, - includes PAG and Donate Now).



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE SPECIAL MASS BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO**

on Friday evening (July 5, 2024) for the re-dedication. It was more special by the return of Father Richard Andrews and Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto. Thank you also to our Lectors, organist, cantor, ushers, altar boys and thank you to the Legion members and friends who set up our reception after Mass.



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.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs His disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in His name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in His hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of His disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for His disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows His mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share His authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing His mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for His needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as His disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

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