

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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.

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St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2024

Monday August 5 9:00 a.m.

Living and deceased members of the
McKenna Family
(Family)

No Evening Mass

Tuesday August 6 12:10 p.m.

+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza
(Family)

Tuesday August 6 7:00 p.m.

+Mrs. Diana Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday August 7 12:10 p.m.

+Cardinal L.T. Picachy
(Sunu)

Wednesday August 7 7:00 p.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday August 8 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Thursday August 8 7:00 p.m.

+Bonnie Ho
(Family)

Friday August 9 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Mary Sen
(Family)

Friday August 9 7:00 p.m.

+Sydney and Liliane Chan-Lok
(Pat Chong)

Saturday August 10 9:00 a.m.

+Ruby Rose Isaaca
(Family)

Saturday August 10 5:00 p.m.

+Sin Ng Wan Sam
(Family)

Sunday August 11 8:00 a.m.

+Mary Liu
(Family)

Sunday August 11 10:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday August 11 12:00 Noon

+Linda Courchene
Jackie Mackenzie)

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, Collin Pereira and Thomas Chan.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Queenie Chow and for those who have no one to pray for them.



CIVIC HOLIDAY

Monday, August 5, 2024

ON CIVIC HOLIDAY MONDAY (AUGUST 5), THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$6,594.88 - July 28th - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



AUGUST 17/18, 2024
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE A BBQ ON AUGUST 17th AND 18th



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.



OUR ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED WILL BE CELEBRATED
AUGUST 14TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Cemetery	Celebrant
Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga	Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham	Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill	Most Rev. John Corriveau
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto	Most Rev. Robert Kasun
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge	Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby	Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie	Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

In the event of rain, Masses will be held in:

- **Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery.**
- **Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.**
- **St. Anthony's Mausoleum at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.**
- **Main Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery.**
- **Christ the King Cemetery will celebrate Mass in the Reception Centre at the Cemetery Office.**
- **Mount Hope Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto.**
- **St. Mary's Cemetery will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney Parish, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie.**



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that He is the "Bread of Life."

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassured them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and His disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of Himself that He gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing Him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because He can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and His mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5,000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always," Jesus answers plainly that He Himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus Himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed His name to the people of Israel as "I AM," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for Himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.” Today’s readings remind us that the Priest is Ordained by the Holy Spirit to be, the means by which, Jesus’ words are fulfilled. **If you feel God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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