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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Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
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Monday August 26

12:10 p.m.

+Derrick Lee (Family)

Monday August 26

7:00 p.m.

+Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)

Tuesday August 27

12:10 p.m.

+Kazimierz Starkiewicz (Ramsay Family)

Tuesday August 27

7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Olive D'Souza (Fernandes Family)

Wednesday August 28

12:10 p.m.

+Diane Germaine Demers
(Atkins Family)

Wednesday August 28

7:00 p.m.

+Michael Chiu (Patrick Lynch)

Thursday August 29

12:10 p.m.

Friends of Suffering Souls (Marie Lim)

Thursday August 29

7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Maria Lim

Friday August 30

12:10 p.m.

+Maisie, Charles and Trevor Daunt (Family)

Friday August 30

7:00 p.m.

+Peter D'Sa

(Jeanette D'Souza)

Saturday August 31

9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Ludy D'Souza (Menezes Family)

Saturday August 31

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the souls of Giuseppina Sala and Tony Pinto

Sunday September 1

8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday September 1

10:00 a.m.

+Corazon Casino

(Family)

Sunday September 1

12:00 Noon

+Cynthia Acayan

(Charrie Ver and Family)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2024

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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., Kevin Caleb Wenyuen Song, Kelly Smith, Collin Pereira, Thomas Chan, Linda Hustins and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Andrew Macbeth, Giuseppina Sala, Tony Pinto, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received \$6,807.63 August 18th Includes PAG and Donate Now.

OASIS Lunch and Learn

Who: We invite all parishioners, family, and friends.
Where: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall,
14 Highgate Drive, Markham.
When: Every second Tuesday of the month
from September 2024 to March 2025.
What: Insights on Wellness and Mental Health Workshops.
Program: Mass at 12:10 pm, followed by workshop
from 12:45 pm to 2:30 pm. Registration needed.
Lunch will be served with free will giving.
How to register: Text or call Les (905-479-6023),
Russell (647-898-6480) or Fran (647-787-5771).

OASIS (Older Adults Sharing In Service)

"We provide a little something for the mind, body and soul."

INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS



Let us learn, share, and feel good together!

Finding Purpose and Living a wholehearted life – Sept 10
Chronic illness and Mental health (isolation/depression) - Oct 08
Self-care: a Life skill for Healthy living – Nov 12
Healthy Fences: Conflict and problem-solving skills: Dec 10
Mending and repairing relationships with family/friends – Jan 14
Love is in the air / communicating love and connection – Feb 11
Living/ending well – handling pain and suffering– March 11

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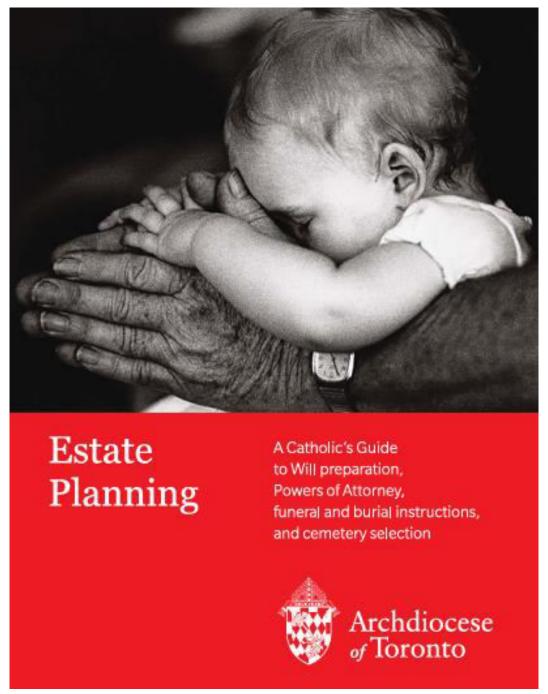




OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS

Lunch and Learn workshops: Insights on wellness and mental health, hosted by OASIS every Second Tuesday of the month from September to March. Learn about isolation, depression, dementia, grieving, self care, fitness, etc. First workshop Tuesday September 10th: 'Finding purpose and living a wholehearted life'. Mass at 12:10 pm followed by lunch (free will giving) and workshop.

More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. Please call Les Rodrigues @ 905-479-6023



FROM PETER OKONSKI, MANAGER, PLANNED GIVING AND PERSONAL GIFTS

A bequest in your Will to our church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are **NOT** just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

We have a free <u>estate planning guide</u> to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will.

Please contact us at <u>Development@archtoronto.org</u> for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about he importance of using the <u>correct legal names</u> when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.













AUGUST 24/25, 2024
(RE-SCHEDULED FROM ORIGINAL
AUGUST 17/18 RAINED-OUT WEEKEND.)
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE A BBQ AFTER ALL MASSES



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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of Eternal Life.

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our Liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that He is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer reference them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow Him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns His attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to Him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about Himself: Jesus is the One from God in whom they have found the path to Eternal Life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess his or her own belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to Eternal Life.

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