

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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*“Dominus meus et Deus meus”*

## 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.

## SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646

St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

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## PARISH GROUPS

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Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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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

Monday September 2 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Beverly Shipanock

**NO EVENING MASS**

Tuesday September 3 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Brendan D'Souza

Tuesday September 3 7:00 p.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday September 4 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Seck on their 59th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday September 4 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Agnes and Richard Lai-Cheong (Pat Chong)

Thursday September 5 12:10 p.m.

+Tony Sequeira (Family)

Thursday September 5 7:00 p.m.

+Lawrence Fernandes (Anthony Pereira and Family)

Friday September 6 12:10 p.m.

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

Friday September 6 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday September 7 9:00 a.m.

Living and deceased Members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their living and deceased families. (Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday September 7 5:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory (Ah-Nim Family)

Sunday September 8 8:00 a.m.

+Mary Liu (Family)

Sunday September 8 10:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday September 8 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Tina Nicholas and Eliot D'Souza and Families

## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY** **IN ORDINARY TIME** **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 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.



### **THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF** **SEPTEMBER (6TH)**

Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass until Benediction at 11:45 p.m.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$11,646.10 August 25th Includes PAG and Donate Now.

# Bundle Up

For the  
**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**



We are collecting your donations at  
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On

**August 31 - September 1, 2024**



List of Items Accepted and Not Accepted at Bundle Up Weekends.& Stores

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### **All Clothing**

(Any Condition)

### **All Footwear**

(Any Condition)

### **Bedding**

(Any Condition)

### **Drapery/Towels**

### **Toys**

(New only)

## Don't Accept

Please we do not accept the following :

### **Baby items**

(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture )

### **Construction Material**

(Any Condition)

### **Dishes**

(Any Kind)

### **Furniture**

(Any Kind)

### **Books /Video/Audio Cassettes**

**BUNDLE UP WEEKEND AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**



## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father...”. God’s gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. **If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or diaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

**Email:** [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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who continues to create and to do good.”

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**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 2ND) THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M.**

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# 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."

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## INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

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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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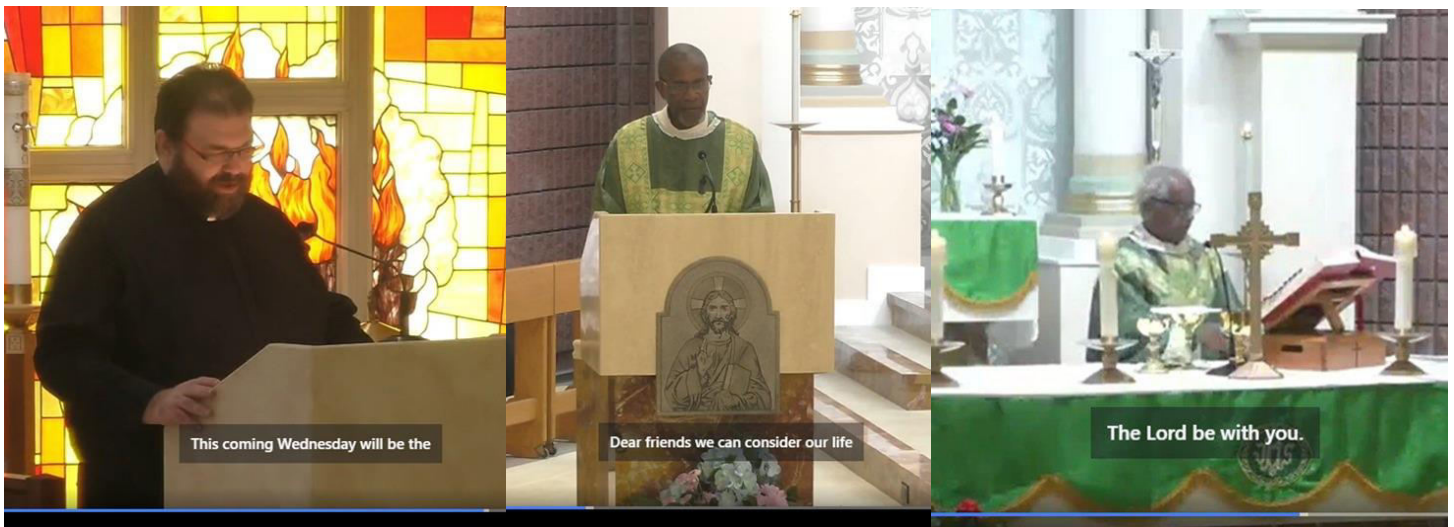


### OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS

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**



### **CLOSED CAPTIONING FEATURE ADDED TO ALL FACEBOOK VIDEOS**

As of this morning (August 28, 2024), on-screen text (closed captioning) has been enabled on all past/present/future [St. Thomas the Apostle Church Facebook livestream videos](#) so that all might better be able to participate in Holy Mass. Now you can follow along via the on-screen text, even if you have difficulty in hearing what is being said. Note: The on-screen words can now also be seen in older videos and in [St Thomas the Apostle Special Masses](#).



### **GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive, September 2 – October 7. Please place items by the downstairs washrooms.**

**Items Needed:** Tuna and Canned Meat, Coffee and Tea Bags, Soup and Stews, Condiments (e.g. Soy Sauce, Barbecue Sauce, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, etc.) Peanut Butter and Jams, Canned Tomatoes, Corn, Vegetables, Beans & Chickpeas, Pasta Sauce, Granola Bars and Pancake Mix, Dried Meals, Bagged Rice.



## Estate Planning

A Catholic's Guide  
to Will preparation,  
Powers of Attorney,  
funeral and burial instructions,  
and cemetery selection



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### **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 [estate planning guide](#) 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 [Development@archtoronto.org](mailto:Development@archtoronto.org) for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the [correct legal names](#) when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.



## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.*

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities and included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of His first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness-clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one pose to Him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intentions behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our action should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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