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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

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday September 30** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Ryan Leitch
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Monday September 30** 7:00 p.m.
+Milton Marcilio
(Patrick Lynch)
- Tuesday October 1** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Stefan and Mackenzie
(Family)
- Tuesday October 1** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday October 2** 12:10 p.m.
+Brandon Lee
(Family)
- Wednesday October 2** 7:00 p.m.
Reparation for the sins of
Deo and Hong-Ping Families
- Thursday October 3** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Jeanette D'Souza on her Birthday
- Thursday October 3** 7:00 p.m.
+Tina and Frank Carrubba
(Family)
- Friday October 4** 12:10 p.m.
+Vallerie Maude Ambrose
(Fernandez Family)
- Friday October 4** 7:00 p.m.
Vocations to the Priesthood
- Saturday October 5** 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased Members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased family members.
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday October 5** 5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the
Ah-Nim Family
- Sunday October 6** 8:00 a.m.
+Mary Liu
(Family)
- Sunday October 6** 10:00 a.m.
For the people of the parish
- Sunday October 6** 12:00 Noon
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza
(Family)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Yeran Kasardjian, Yeran Artine, Mark Huang, and Anna Azimi.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: John Choi, Betty Olaes and for those who have no one to pray for them.



THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 4) **IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF OCTOBER**

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

NOTE: Beginning this week, there will no longer be Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays after the 12:10 pm weekday Mass.



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.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. **If you feel that God is calling you with the gift 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

SENIORS

OASIS (Older Adults Sharing In Service)

Our Senior's Group @ at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

Join us!

TUESDAYS @ 12:10 pm: Seniors Social Gathering after the 12:10 pm Mass including:

- Fitness (Tai Chi and Chair Yoga)
- Recreation (Line Dancing)
- Prayer (Divine Mercy Chaplet)

THURSDAY MORNINGS: Seniors Hike (Summer) or Mall-Walk (Rain days and Winter)

MONDAY-FRIDAY @ 11:40 am: Pray the Rosary before the 12:10 pm Mass followed by the Angelus

2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 12:10 pm: Seniors Lunch and Learn Seminars on "Insights on Wellness and Mental Health" after the 12:10 pm Mass

ONCE A MONTH: Prepare sandwiches to serve the marginalized at the Good Shepherd Ministries

Social events with family and friends

Thursday, October 17, 2024 (Time TBD) - Don River Hike to see the salmon run

Saturday, October 26, 2024 @ 6.00 pm - Pot luck and All Saints Trick-or-Treat
(Family Event!)

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 12:30 pm - **Christmas Lunch**

Wednesday, December 31, 2024 @ 5:00 pm - New Year's Dance **(Family Event!)**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 12:10 pm - Valentine's Day Luncheon

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 @ 12:10 pm - **OASIS** General Body Meeting



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OASIS – END OF 2024 EVENTS



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against Him is for Him.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise His disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In His reply to His disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches His disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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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.

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).

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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

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Nathalie Bedros 416-921-1163 ext.2251



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. Second workshop **Tuesday October 8th: 'Chronic Illness and Mental health (isolation/depression)'**. 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

[Link to September 1, 2024 Facebook livestream Mass video presentation by Les Rodrigues for the OASIS Lunch and Learn talks \(at the 50:32 mark of the video\).](#)

Below is the abbreviated transcript of a brief presentation by Les Rodrigues after all Masses on the weekend of August 31/September 1, 2024 in which he promoted the OASIS Lunch and Learn series.

In today's second reading, St. James says, "be a doer and not a hearer". I have had the privilege of volunteering with many of our doers in this parish from 2007 until the dawn of COVID, in serving the marginalized and the elderly, every week, at various venues across the GTA.

These two short stories will summarize our experience: Jack a 70+, young at heart, gentleman lived in the west wing of a retirement home. Every evening in the dining hall, he would see Jane equally young at heart, prancing around, moving from table to table, socializing with her friends and some days she would even sit besides Jack before retiring to her room in the East wing. Jack was in love with Jane. He wanted her as a constant companion, someone to talk to, hold hands with. One evening Jack proposed to Jane and she accepted and they went about their way merrily, one to the east wing the other to the west. Next morning Jack couldn't remember if Jane had said yes so, he phoned her. Jane said 'of course I said yes, and I meant it. I am glad you called because I couldn't remember who I had said yes to'. The sense of belonging, dementia, loneliness, forgetfulness – can you relate to that?

Second story. Once a month we would visit a retirement home to play bingo with the residents. I didn't know her name, nor did she mine, but she would always be waiting for me. She would hold my hand and say something in Mandarin. I thought that she needed help to play. I would tell her that I would return to help her as soon as I had said hello to all the residents. It soon became evident, when she wouldn't let go of my hand, that she had much more to say. She could have been telling me of her isolation, depression, abuse, chronic pain, grieving while I spoke to her in English telling her about a cricket match in India. It was not the spoken words but the gesture. TO 'reach out, to touch, to listen. That's all she wanted. Can you relate to that?

OASIS is an acronym for **O**lder **A**dults **S**haring **I**n **S**ervice, our senior's group at St. Thomas. We know your challenges. I can testify to that. For the past 19 years, I have been a single parent and for majority of those years I have been a 24/7 chauffeur, crisis manager, food supplier and the bank. I couldn't wait for the kids to fly the coop and when they did, I came crashing down. Behind the façade and that smile, we all hide our pain. I know your challenges, they are real.

We are working with Catholic Family services which is funded by ShareLife in addressing your concerns. From isolation to depression, dementia, grieving, self-care, mental health, broken relations, chronic diseases, etc. Every second Tuesday of the month we will host a lunch and learn session after the noon Mass. The speaker practiced nursing for 24 years before she went on to obtain her Masters. She is now a professor, a counsellor and a professional speaker. You don't have to talk about your personal challenges, should you need, private counselling services are available. The number is on the flyer in the lobby.

Some Tuesdays you will enjoy the talk and not the lunch and other Tuesdays you will enjoy the lunch and not the talk. Should you have any questions, concerns, I will be with some of my **OASIS** friends in the lobby. Come and register so we can cater for your lunch and your needs. Howard University spent millions of dollars on an 85-year study to conclude that it's not smoking or drinking, money or career, the biggest contributing factor for longevity and happiness is social connection. Join us, alone you can talk but together we can converse. Alone you can smile, but together we can laugh. Alone you can enjoy, but together we can celebrate.

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DINNER & A MOVIE WITH THE SAINTS



Based on actual 1917 events outside Fatima, Portugal, where three shepherd children report visions of the Virgin Mary and confront anticlerical government oppression in the process.

Saturday October 5, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm followed by the movie

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall

ORGANIZED BY THE MEN'S GROUP

DINNER AND A MOVIE WITH THE SAINTS: "FATIMA"

Based on actual 1917 events outside Fatima, Portugal, where three shepherd children report visions of the Virgin Mary and confront anticlerical government oppression in the process.



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