

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

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
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183

PARISH MUSICIANS

Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku	416-298-2541
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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 October 7 12:10 p.m.
+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo
Living Members of the Lobo Family

Monday October 7 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Tomislav Kutlesa

Tuesday October 8 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Kimberly Lefko

Tuesday October 8 7:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the
Fernandes Family
(Pete and Teresa)

Wednesday October 9 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Maria Creta

Wednesday October 9 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Al Jacob
(Birthday Day October 10th)
(Family)

Thursday October 10 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Thursday October 10 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Courtney Power

Friday October 11 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Maria Lim)

Friday October 11 7:00 p.m.
Emmanuel Devanayagam
(Agatha Chan)

Saturday October 12 9:00 a.m.
+Antonietta Jacobelli
(Mike and Gina Creta)

Saturday October 12 5:00 p.m.
+Rodolfo Asilador
+Rosalina Ato Asilador
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday October 13 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday October 13 10:00 a.m.
+Chao Jung Yang
(Family)

Sunday October 13 12:00 Noon
Intentions of Patricia, Paul and Steven
Chong-Ah-Yan
(Family)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 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, Wen-yuen Song, Kelly Smith, Collin Pereira, Thomas Chan, Linda Hustins, Yeran Kasardjian, Yeran Artine, Mark Huang, and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Frank Chong, Claude Moreau and for those who have no one to pray for them.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. **If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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PARISH OFFERTORY

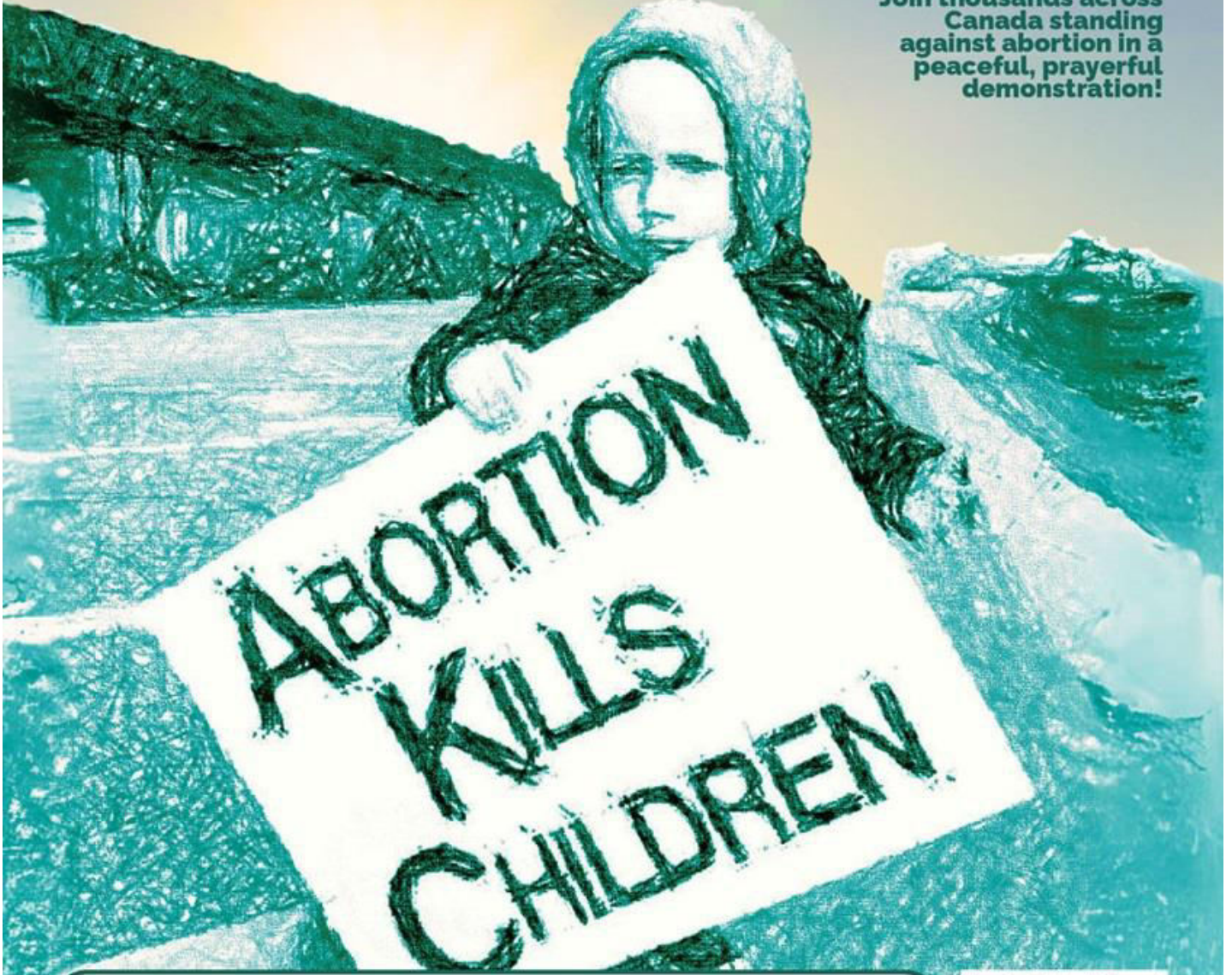
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Campaign Life Coalition Presents



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Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Location: McCowan Road and Steeles Avenue

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Facebook: Campaign Life Coalition
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2024 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LIFE CHAIN

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.

THIS TUESDAY

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).**



HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

Next weekend, **October 12 – 13**, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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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.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and His disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach His disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes His public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and He taught them, as was His custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test Him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made of God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question Him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to His disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of His teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguishes His teaching to the cultural norms of His time by applying His words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands His disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH POTLUCK FINGER FOODS DINNER & ALL SAINTS TRICK OR TREAT

Saturday 26th, October after the 5:00 pm Mass

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Music, Line Dancing, Karaoke, Balloon Animals, 50/50 Raffle & Prizes for Best Costume.

Register your names, # of family members (adults & children) and the finger food you will bring.

Register after all weekend masses on
Oct. 5th/6th and 12th/13th



**WE INVITE ALL OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th
TO OUR POTLUCK FINGER FOOD DINNER AND ALL SAINTS TRICK OR TREAT**

Music – Karaoke – Line Dancing – Balloon Animals – Prizes for the best costume.

Register in the front lobby after all Masses the weekend of October 5th and 12th.

Register your name, number of adults, children and finger food you will bring.

Sponsored by all Parish Ministries. For details [contact your Ministry Leaders.](#)

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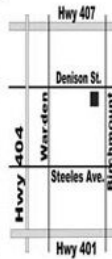
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