

# 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

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler	905-474-9981
Men's Group	Lloyd Mascarenhas	647-461-2464
Prayer Group	Al Jacob	416-697-7179
Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
Knights of Columbus	Herwin Shillingford	416-824-3347
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 14** 9:00 a.m.

+Sister Grace Morelli

**Monday October 14**

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Tuesday October 15** 12:10 p.m.

+Terrence Lahey

(Jacqueline Georges)

**Tuesday October 15** 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Dirk Hong Ping

**Wednesday October 16** 12:10 p.m.

+Adele Rolluqui

(Allan Dinglasan)

**Wednesday October 16** 7:00 p.m.

Recovery of Hazel Klosevych

+Dojoe Santiago

(Luz Family)

**Thursday October 17** 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of

Nina Zdybal

(Pat Chong)

**Thursday October 17** 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of

Paulo Goncalves and Family

**Friday October 18** 12:10 p.m.

+Bick Kam Lau Chin

(Melania Szeto)

**Friday October 18** 7:00 p.m.

+Wayne Gee-Jung Chow

(Corazon Chow and Rene Chow)

**Saturday October 19** 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Dane D'Souza

(Family)

**Saturday October 19** 5:00 p.m.

+Wayne Gee-Jung Chow

(Family)

**Sunday October 20** 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday October 20** 10:00 a.m.

+Tomy Luis

(Family)

**Sunday October 20** 12:00 Noon

+Maria Agustin

(Family)

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY** **IN ORDINARY TIME** **SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 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, 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. **If you think God is calling you to one of these, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

“And whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the  
name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the  
Father through him.”

COLOSSIANS 3:17

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



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**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY (OCTOBER 14) THERE IS ONE MASS AT 9:00 A.M**



### **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.



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)  
We received \$6,143.44 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.**



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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

### 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. 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).**



"Dominus meus et Deus meus"

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, October after the 5:00 pm Mass

SPONSORED BY ALL PARISH MINISTRIES



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. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>



**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](#).



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-30**

*A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.*

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches Him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least following Jesus required that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to would-be disciples: ***Follow Me.*** Jesus very much wants this man to be His disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow Him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about His message and meaning to His disciples. To His disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following Him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds His disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded: This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

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### **HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS**

**This 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.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchases after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

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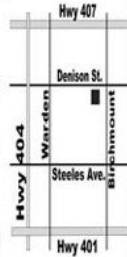
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