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.



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 St. Benedict
 905-475-9646

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 905-470-2225

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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



Monday October 21 12:10 p.m.

+Lilia B. Tiongson (Tiongson Family)

Monday October 21 7:00 p.m.

+Carmen P. Jose

Tuesday October 22 12:10 p.m.
Deceased Members of the

Genco and Straub Families

Tuesday October 22 7:00 p.m. Maronite Mass

Wednesday October 23 12:10 p.m.

+John George Moolasseril (Mrs. and Mrs. Moolasseril)

Wednesday October 23 7:00 p.m.

+Mr. Shiu-Kai Poon (Jefferson Tse)

Thursday October 24 12:10 p.m.

+Antonio T. Tiongson (Tiongson Family)

Thursday October 24 7:00 p.m.

+Noemia D'Mello

Friday October 25 12:10 p.m.

+Eva Ho-Koon (Family)

Friday October 25 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of

Catherine Joseph on her Birthday

Saturday October 26 9:00 a.m.

+John George Moolasseril (Mr. and Mrs. Moolasseril)

Saturday October 26 5:00 p.m.

+Patricia Rodrigues +Sean Goveas (Family)

Sunday October 27 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday October 27 10:00 a.m.

+Tyrone Wong (Family)

Sunday October 27 12:00 Noon

+Bernadette Tow-Ying + Lee Voon Ah-Chong (JP and Virginie Chan)

IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 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: Bernadette Lam, Lester Chang, Sonia Louise Hanley, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus' life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> **Website:** <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses) We received \$6,643.54 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE NATIONS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This is a <u>worldwide collection for the missionary church</u>, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support in this important work



SHARELIFE: ANSWER THE CALL TO COMPASSION

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese.

Reaching our parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. We have currently raised \$95,334.73 towards our suggested goal of \$100,000.00. Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

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. 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).



OUR FNE EXPLORER GROUP IS BASED HERE AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH AND HAS LIMITED OPENINGS FOR ITS WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOYS' TIMBERWOLF DEN FOR BOYS IN GRADES 3 TO 6

Potentially interested boys and their parents are welcome to drop by to try it out. Meetings run from 6:40 to 8:35 p.m. Please visit their website at www.fneexploerers.com for more information. Please contact Paul Ritchi at 416-435-6593 or email us at paul.ritchi@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Link to short video from a FNE Timberwolf den meeting in our Parish Hall.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts His passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel Jesus' words to His closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into His glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that His glory will be preceded by His suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not His to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, He seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-34), Jesus acknowledges that His teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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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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