

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

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Ushers	John Yu	416-828-9711
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
Legion of Mary	Winnie Thien	416-889-0659
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Men's Group	Lloyd Mascarenhas	647-461-2464
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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 November 4 12:10 p.m.

Deceased Members of the
McKenna Family

Monday November 4 7:00 p.m.

+Marcelino Menezes
(Family)

Tuesday November 5 12:10 p.m.

+Bernard Georges
(Family)

Tuesday November 5 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday November 6 12:10 p.m.

Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
(Legion of Mary, Queen of Apostles Presidium)

Wednesday November 6 7:00 p.m.

+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza
(Family)

Thursday November 7 12:10 p.m.

+Kazimierz Starkiewicz
(Family)

Thursday November 7 7:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of the
Yu and Yeung Families
(Yu Family)

Friday November 8 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Edith Lee and Family
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Friday November 8 7:00 p.m.

+Senia Vera Cruz
(Family)

Saturday November 9 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 November 9 5:00 p.m.

+Doreen Thambirajah
(Family)

Sunday November 10 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday November 10 10:00 a.m.

+Francis Tavares
(Family)

Sunday November 10 12:00 Noon

+Ivor Wroughton
(Family)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Kevin Ramoutar, and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father William Michael Comerford, Wilfred Schult, Maria Easter Soriano-Zabala, Betty Smith, Helen Yu-Kiu Leung, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To love Him with all your heart and with all your understanding, and with all your strength” and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself” are the greatest commandments. **If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$6,137.09 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



REGISTRATION PACKAGES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For students in Grades 7 and up are available in the parish office. These are for students who attend other schools. Students who attend St. Francis Xavier and St. Benedict will receive the registration package through their school.



CHRISTMAS AT MOUNT CARMEL CONCERT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 15

Enjoy a beautiful Christmas-Style weekend at [Mount Carmel Monastery](#) in Niagara Falls, complete with Traditional Christmas concert by the choir of St. Thomas More Parish, Niagara Falls. The weekend includes lunch on arrival at Mount Carmel, the concert at 2:00 p.m. and Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Sunday includes breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 Noon. Bus leaves Precious Blood Parish promptly at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 15th. Non-refundable cost: \$205.00 per person for double occupancy. Non-refundable cost \$220.00 per person for single occupancy. **For more information or a reservation, call Ann Mullan 416-704-0435.**



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.fneexplorers.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.

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

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).



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28B-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel required Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

[Loyola Press](#)



DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 2/3, 2024

- **FYI reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00 am.**
- Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday evening, November 2, 2024.
- [Here is a link with detailed information regarding the time change](#)



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.

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