

# 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
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Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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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

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St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

# Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday November 18** 12:10 p.m.  
+Ines and Maximo Bulaon  
(Bulaon and Tiongson Family)

**Monday November 18** 7:00 p.m.  
+Antonietta Iacobelli  
(Mike and Gina Creta)

**Tuesday November 19** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Josephine and Chit Szeto  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Tuesday November 19** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Jeanette D'Souza)

**Wednesday November 20** 12:10 p.m.  
+Charles, Maisie and Trevor Daunt  
(Daunt Family)

**Wednesday November 20** 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Chit and Josephine Szeto

**Thursday November 21** 12:10 p.m.  
+Alex Chiu  
(Family)

**Thursday November 21** 7:00 p.m.  
+Walter Moo Choy  
(Family)

**Friday November 22** 12:10 p.m.  
+Lucy Tan  
(Cheng Family)

**Friday November 22** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday November 23** 9:00 a.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Claire McTaggart  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Saturday November 23** 5:00 p.m.  
Deceased Members of the  
Stuart and Moss Families  
(Pat Stuart)

**Sunday November 24** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday November 24** 10:00 a.m.  
+Reverend J. Basil Breen  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Sunday November 24** 12:00 Noon  
+Reverend J. Basil Breen  
(Jefferson Tse)

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2024

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Kevin Ramoutar, Agnes Yuen, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Wai Wong, Maria Francisco, and Anna Azimi

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Elizabeth David, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. **If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon in His Church, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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



## PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
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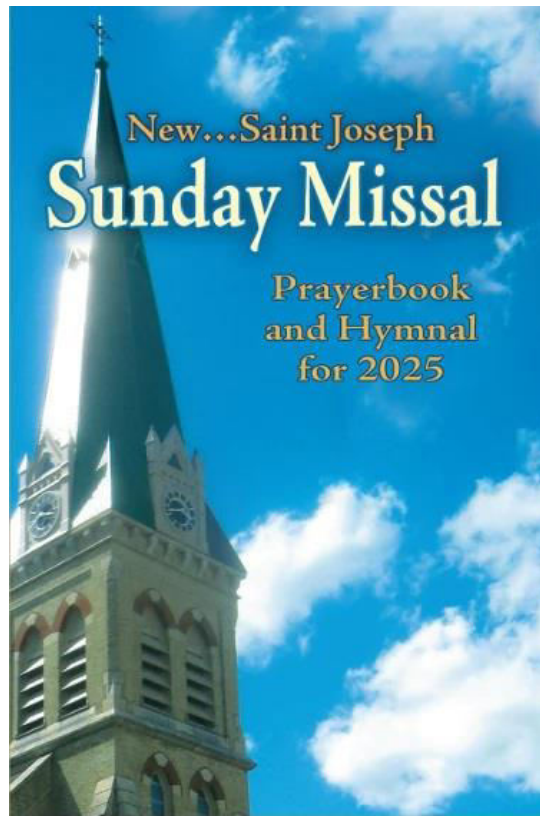
### **REGISTRATION PACKAGES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

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.



### **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.



**ST. JOSEPH MISSALS FOR 2024 / 2025 ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

We are accepting Sponsorship of Missals. Please see back table for more details.



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**PHOTOS/VIDEO LINKS**

On Tuesday, November 12, 2024, there was a Lunch and Learn workshop held in our Parish Church Hall after the 12:10 pm Mass. The speaker/topic was Nathalie Bedros: "**Self-Care: a Life skill for Healthy Living**".

**Photo and video credits: Michael Reyes [www.michaelreyes.com](http://www.michaelreyes.com)**

- [Link to Lunch and Learn St. Thomas Nov 12 2024 Speaker Nathalie Bedros Facebook album](#)
- [Link to Google Photos Lunch and Learn photos St. Thomas - November 12 2024 - Speaker Nathalie Bedros Album](#)
- [Link to November 12 2024 - Nathalie Bedros "Self-Care: a Life skill for Healthy Living" Lunch and Learn YouTube video](#)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, MARKHAM**

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## **CHRIST THE KING FEAST & ADVENT – HALF DAY OF REFLECTION**

### **TALK 1:**

**CHRIST THE KING –  
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN  
GLORY TO JUDGE THE  
LIVING AND THE DEAD**



### **TALK 2:**

**ADVENT – COMING OF  
THE NEW BORN KING**



**Reflection Director: Fr. Elvise Lukong  
(Associate Pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish)**

**Date: Saturday November 23, 2024**

**Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Mass at 9:00 am, Light breakfast at 9:30 am followed  
by talks at 10:00 am**

**Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall**

**ORGANIZED BY THE MEN'S GROUP**

**CHRIST THE KING FEAST & ADVENT – HALF DAY OF REFLECTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

Mass at 9:00 a.m., light breakfast at 9:30 a.m. followed by talks at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

- **Talk 1: Christ The King – He will come again in Glory to Judge the Living and the dead.**
- **Talk 2: Advent – Coming of The Newborn King.**

Reflection Director: Fr. Elvise Lukong (Associate Pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish). Sponsored by the Men's Group. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost.



*All **Seniors** welcome*

## **OASIS Christmas Luncheon**

**Tuesday 17 December 2024**

**From 12:30 to 3:00 pm**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall**

**1:00 pm:** Buffet lunch, dessert, water, tea and coffee  
Bring Christmas cheers to share.  
Karaoke, Carol singing, Line dancing.

**Tickets: OASIS members \$15. All others \$20**

To reserve your tickets contact

Les 905-479-6023 Or Russell 647-898-6480 Or Jim 416-432-9288

Online: e transfer to [fmartis51@gmail.com](mailto:fmartis51@gmail.com)

**Tickets, if available will be sold after all weekend Masses, December 7/8 and 14/15**

membership \$5.00. OASIS is registering as non-profit and will be applying for seniors funding.

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**ALL SENIORS WELCOME - OASIS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY 17, DECEMBER 2024 - FROM 12:30 TO 3:00 P.M.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

1:00 P.M.: Buffet Lunch, dessert, water, tea and coffee

Bring Christmas cheers to share. - Karaoke, Carol singing, Line Dancing

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# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## You are cordially invited to the **Parish 2024 New Year's Eve Bash**

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### **MENU**

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#### **Dinner Menu – 7.30 pm**

Roast Chicken  
Roast Potatoes

Beef Curry  
Chick Peas  
Fried Rice  
Green Salad  
Naan / Bread  
Dessert  
Coffee / Tea

Adult Ticket – \$45

**Early Bird – \$40 before 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Dinner: 7.30 pm, New Year's Count  
Down Midnight

Child Ticket – \$15 (Under 12 years)

Dinner: 6.45 pm, Games & Count  
down 8.00 pm.

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# NOVEMBER 17

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



### 1 IN 10 PEOPLE IN THE GTA DEPENDED ON FOOD BANKS IN 2023.

In 2022, it was just 1 in 20. Ever since the pandemic, our most vulnerable neighbours have been living through an **unprecedented hunger crisis**. 1 in 3 of those who depended on food banks are living with a disability, and more than half missed a meal to pay for something else, like rent. Poverty is all around us in the GTA, and often it is hidden behind closed doors: among families, refugees, and others who struggle to afford the necessities of life.

### YOU CAN HELP THEM, RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Across the GTA, over 1,400 members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul—including right here in our parish—visited our Neighbours in Need at home more than 30,000 times in 2023 alone, delivering vouchers to help them put food on the table. Together, Vincentians seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by helping those suffering most.



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### **OBSERVANCE OF WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

**2024 World Day of the Poor: How Can We Live as Friends of the Poor?** November 17 is World Day of the Poor in the Catholic Church. In his Message for the 2024 World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says: *“We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us.”* Living as friends of the poor is what our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is trying to do for our most vulnerable neighbours. **If you want to learn more and join our mission, call us at (905) 474-1224 ext 4. Or learn more about the work of the Society and how you can help at [www.SSVPToronto.ca](http://www.SSVPToronto.ca).**





### **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32**

*Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.*

This Sunday is the Second to Last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to His disciples as He prepares them for His Passion and Death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote His Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the Emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that He saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, His teaching about the cost of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct His disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering His disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn His disciples to be on the watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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