

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
Ushers	John Yu	416-828-9711
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
R.C.I.A.	Juliette Huang	416-302-1823
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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 INTENTIONS

Monday November 25 12:10 p.m.

+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo

And living members of the Lobo Family

Monday November 25 7:00 p.m.

+Elsie Lin and Neil Gordon

(Alicia Lyn)

Tuesday November 26 12:10 p.m.

+Lilia B. Tionson

(Tionson Family)

Tuesday November 26 7:00 p.m.

+Tak Va Lei Chau

(Family)

Wednesday November 27 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family

+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family

(Family)

Wednesday November 27 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of

George Chai-Li Ah-Chong

Thursday November 28 12:10 p.m.

+Mary Shun Ying Yu and deceased

members of the Yu, Ku

and Lee Families

(Family)

Thursday November 28 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Rina Rho

Friday November 29 12:10 p.m.

+Linda Courchene

+Rosie Lynn Dixon

(Jackie Mackenzie)

Friday November 29 7:00 p.m.

+Cardinal L. T. Picachy

(Sunu)

Saturday November 30 9:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the

D'Souza and Braganze Families

Saturday November 30 5:00 p.m.

+Diane Germaine Demers

(Atkins Family)

Sunday December 1 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday December 1 10:00 a.m.

+Franklin Chong

Intentions of the Chong Family

Sunday December 1 12:00 p.m.

+Tina and Frank Carrubba

(Family)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Father Keith Langstaff, Elizabeth David, Fran Peake, Paul Wong, Sister Bernadette Au, Betty Chan, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 24, 2024. Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. **If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

14 Highgate Drive, Markham, Ontario L3R 3R6

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

Music compliments of **DOMINGOS**

MENU

No Pomp, no pageantry, just an old-fashioned Family Event with friends you will make.

Good food, warm hearts and music to please all ages

Adult Ticket – \$45

Early Bird – \$40 before 30th November

Dinner: 7.30 pm, New Year's Count

Down Midnight

To reserve your tickets call or text

Les – 905-479-6023 or Russell – 647-898-6480 or

Jim – 416-432-9288

Online: e-transfer to fmartis51@gmail.com

Dinner Menu – 7.30 pm

Roast Chicken

Roast Potatoes

Beef Curry

Chick Peas

Fried Rice

Green Salad

Naan / Bread

Dessert

Coffee / Tea

Child Ticket – \$15 (Under 12 years)

Dinner: 6.45 pm, Games & Count

down 8.00 pm.

Tickets if available will be sold after all weekend Masses

December 7 & 8 and 14 & 15

PARISH 2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

Tuesday December 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. No pomp, no pageantry, just an old-fashioned Family Event with friends you will make. Good food, warm hearts and music to please all ages. **Adults \$45.00 (\$40.00 for early bird until November 30)**. Children under 12 - \$15.00. Dinner at 6:45 (children first). Count down at 8:00 p.m. for the children. Bar – Water. People can bring their own beverages. Licensed. Dinner Menu: Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Beef Curry, Chickpeas, Fried Rice, Green Salad, Naan/Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

Tickets will be sold December 7/8 and 14/15.

To reserve your tickets call or text Les 905-479-6023 or Russell 647-898-6480 or Jim 416-432-9288

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PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
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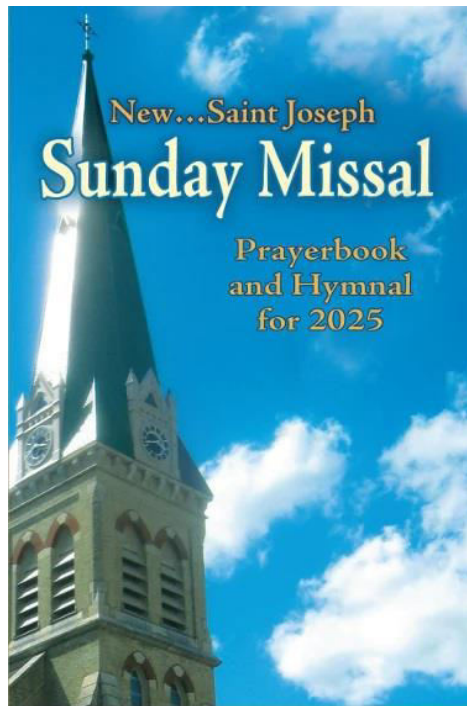
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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.



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.



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

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.

ALL SENIORS WELCOME - OASIS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH HALL

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

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

Tickets: OASIS member \$15.00 all others \$20.00

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against Him as King of the Jews.

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against Him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In His response to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes His Kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and Kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared He might be.

Jesus refers to a Kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in His prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for His disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that His Kingdom is not of this world; if His Kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save Him. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know Him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as King and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' Kingship was hidden from many of His contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through His Crucifixion and Death, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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