

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”

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Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
Ushers	John Yu	416-828-9711
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary	Winnie Thien	416-889-0659
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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 INTENTIONS

Monday December 9 12:10 p.m.

+Joe and Esmie Braganza
(Family)

Monday December 9 7:00 p.m.

+Michelle McIlroy Bautista
(Ver Family)

Tuesday December 10 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Keith and Maureen Daunt
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday December 10 7:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of Friends of the
Suffering Souls in Purgatory
(Rosa Lim)

Wednesday December 11 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Virginie and JP Chan
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Wednesday December 11 7:00 p.m.

+Mr. Karl Lukas

Thursday December 12 12:10 p.m.

Living and deceased members
of the Mackenzie, Smith, Gilbou,
Goodrow and McTaggart Families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Thursday December 12 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Lisa Cocomile

Friday December 13 12:10 p.m.

+Tony Romero and in thanksgiving for the
many blessings received.
(Family)

Friday December 13 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Ray and Haydee Batac
On their 49th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday December 14 9:00 a.m.

+Mark Sze Hung Tse
(Chung Family)

Saturday December 14 5:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Jean-Philippe and Virginie Chan

Sunday December 15 8:00 a.m.

Intentions of
Dennis and Rachel Lau Moon Lin
(Al Jacob)

Sunday December 15 10:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Selina and Nicholas Ng
(Pat Chong)

Sunday December 15 12:00 p.m.

For The People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 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, Kenneth Chin-Loy and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Karl Lukas and for those who have no one to pray for them.



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”?
Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.** 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 after all Masses.

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Misa de Gallo

at St. Thomas the Apostle Church



From December 16-24, 2024
Novena prayers at 5:15 a.m.
followed by the Mass at 5:30 a.m.

Monday, December 16, 2024 - Day One of Novena/Mass

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 - Day Two of Novena/Mass

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - Day Three of Novena/Mass

Thursday, December 19, 2024 - Day Four of Novena/Mass

Friday, December 20, 2024 - Day Five of Novena/Mass

Saturday, December 21, 2024 - Day Six of Novena/Mass

Sunday, December 22, 2024 - Day Seven of Novena/Mass

Monday, December 23, 2024 - Day Eight of Novena/Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - Day Nine of Novena/Mass followed by Potluck in Parish Hall

1999-2024

*Come and help us
to celebrate the*

25th year

*of Misa de Gallo at
St. Thomas the Apostle*



THE MISA DE GALLO NOVENA AND MASSES WILL BE FROM DECEMBER 16 TO 24
AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

- The traditional Misa De Gallo previously held at the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca convent will now be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish starting **December 16 until December 24, 2024.**
- **Novena prayers start at 5:15 a.m. followed by Mass at 5:30 a.m.**
- After the final Novena Mass (**Tuesday, December 24**), there will be a potluck in the Parish Hall.



PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$8,728.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8

What it is

• It is the **conception of Mary**. Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.

• It is an **ancient Church teaching**. While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

What it is not

• It is **not a virgin birth**. Mary was conceived like any other person.

• It is **not the conception of Jesus**. We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.

The Miraculous Medal also known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception has this prayer inscribed:

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”



The Miraculous Medal

Why we celebrate

Because it is a **gift** that Mary said “**yes**” to God and bore his Son, Jesus!



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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*O Mary conceived without sin
Pray for us
who have
recourse to thee*

Monday, December 9th, 2024

The Legion of Mary (Junior and Senior)
will host a **Living Rosary** at 6:15 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
Everyone is invited to join us in praying the rosary. You may recite the prayer in your own language.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LIVING ROSARY

MONDAY DECEMBER 9th, 2024

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2025 marks the 1700th Anniversary of the [Council of Nicaea](#)

From which we have received the Nicene Creed. To mark this event in our Church’s history, beginning this Liturgical year (last week) until the closing of the Jubilee Year at Epiphany 2026, we will use the Nicene Creed in our Sunday Liturgies outside the seasons of Lent and Easter. The Nicene Creed can be found on page 18 of your Sunday Missals.



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

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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels – Mark, Matthew, and Luke – attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The Evangelist Luke is the author that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent Season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

[Loyola Press](#)



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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