

# 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
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### PARISH GROUPS

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul		905-474-1224 ext. 230
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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 January 6** 12:10 p.m.  
+Harry Ramadhin  
(Family)
- Monday January 6** 7:00 p.m.  
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza  
(Family)
- Tuesday January 7** 12:10 p.m.  
+Maisie, Charles and Trevor Daunt  
(Family)
- Tuesday January 7** 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of  
Allan Dinglasan
- Wednesday January 8** 12:10 p.m.  
+Mrs. Theresa Sui Ing Lim  
(Rosa Lim)
- Wednesday January 8** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of the Accomando Family
- Thursday January 9** 12:10 p.m.  
+Glenville Stuart  
(Pat Stuart)
- Thursday January 9** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Friday January 10** 12:10 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Lim)
- Friday January 10** 7:00 p.m.  
+Theresa J. Baena  
(D'Souza Family)
- Saturday January 11** 9:00 a.m.  
Intentions of Emil Sykes and Family
- Saturday January 11** 5:00 p.m.  
Living and deceased Members of the  
Dube and Demers Families  
(Atkins Family)
- Sunday January 12** 8:00 a.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Marylou Papa
- Sunday January 12** 10:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday January 12** 12:00 p.m.  
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza  
(Family)

## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** **SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025**

**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, Lynn Demers, and Anna Azimi

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Father Rodolfo Imperial, Father Daniel Palillo, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world through His Church. **If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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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.

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# 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."

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## INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

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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. Learn about isolation, depression, dementia, grieving, self care, fitness, etc. **First 2025 workshop, Tuesday January 14th. Healthy Fences: Conflict and problem-solving skills.** 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**





## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025**

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

*Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.*

*Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.*

*Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.*

*The Magi seek out Jesus and o Him homage.*

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod...” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. God is presented as representative of Jesus’ Kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of His Divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including His Birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His Baptism by John, and His First Miracle at Cana.

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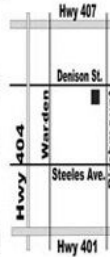
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