

# 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

[www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

### 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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| 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

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| St. Mary of Leuca         | 905-475-2536 |
| St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT | 905-475-2350 |

# Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday January 13** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Melania Szeto
- Monday January 13** 7:00 p.m.  
+Teresa Chiu  
(Jefferson Tse)
- Tuesday January 14** 12:10 p.m.  
+Anna Starkiewicz  
(Family)
- Tuesday January 14** 7:00 p.m.  
+Tony Pinto  
(Family)
- Wednesday January 15** 12:10 p.m.  
Living and deceased members of the  
McKenna Family
- Wednesday January 15** 7:00 p.m.  
+Percy Degannes  
(Family)
- Thursday January 16** 12:10 p.m.  
+Cathy Taylor  
(Rose Family)
- Thursday January 16** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of  
Zhen Wang and Ming Long Chen  
(Bi Ying Wang)
- Friday January 17** 12:10 p.m.  
+Liao Chu Kao  
(Sunu Liao)
- Friday January 17** 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Sheila Labrador  
(Family)
- Saturday January 18** 9:00 a.m.  
+Darren Keillor
- Saturday January 18** 5:00 p.m.  
Living and deceased Members of the Pinto,  
Goveas, Fernandes and Trinide Families  
(Family)
- Sunday January 19** 8:00 a.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Patricia and Tommy
- Sunday January 19** 10:00 a.m.  
+Filomena Tavares  
(Family)
- Sunday January 19** 12:00 Noon  
For the People of the Parish

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Aloysius Carvalho, Al Jacob, Kelvin Ramoutar, Nicholas Marshall, Kevin Caleb, Nicholas Marshall, Kevin Caleb, Agnes yuen, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Wai Wong, Maria Francisco, Ronald Persaud, Ronald Chung, Lynn Demers Deacon Everis Munroe, and Anna Azimi

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** For those who have no one to pray for them.



### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. **If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### **THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

.....on Wednesday January 15th, after 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. The Confirmation classes will begin on Saturday January 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Hall downstairs.

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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 until March. Learn about isolation, depression, dementia, grieving, self care, fitness, etc. 12:10 Mass followed by lunch (free will giving) and workshop. **This Tuesday January 14 the topic will be Healthy Fences: Conflict and problem-solving skills. More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. Please call Les Rodrigues @ 905-479-6023.**



## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*Jesus is baptized by John*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' Baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and Baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The Baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during His time of prayer after His Baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and His disciples to pray to His Father.

The Baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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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.



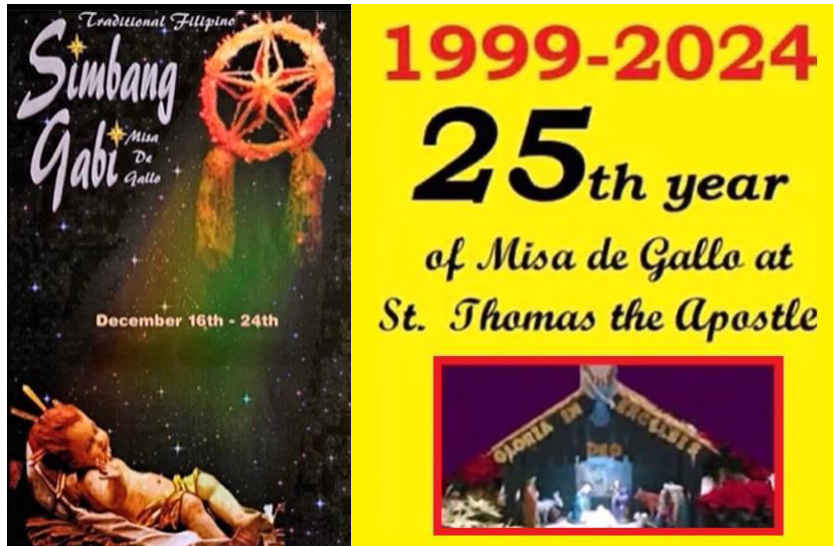
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Thank You



**ALL OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM THE MISA DE GALLO HAS BEEN DONATED TO ST. THOMAS CHURCH: \$1,436.00. THANK YOU!!**



**25TH YEAR SIMBANG GABI (MISA DE GALLO) 2024 VIDEO**

This past year of 2024 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Misa de Gallo celebration of Nine-Day Novenas/Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle parish. The very first Misa de Gallo started with the [Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca](#). The YouTube video is a labor of love that chronicles a compilation of various photos and videos lovingly put together by Noel Torres. Michael Reyes assisted in uploading the video and created the YouTube link so all St. Thomas parishioners can enjoy it. What a perfect way to close out the Christmas Season. **Video credit: Noel Torres. Video upload/link creation: Michael Reyes [michaelreyes.com](http://michaelreyes.com).**

[25th Year Simbang Gabi 2024 video link](#)



**PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

|             |             |   |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| We received | \$10,582.69 | December 22nd - Includes PAG and Donate Now |
|             | \$12,708.60 | Christmas                                   |
|             | \$ 7,977.19 | December 29th - Includes PAG and Donate Now |
|             | \$ 5,315.45 | Mary, Mother of God                         |
|             | \$ 5,262.19 | January 5 – Includes PAG and Donate Now     |

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