

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

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
Legion of Mary	Winnie Thien	416-889-0659
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 20 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of JP and Virginie Chan
Intentions of the Chan-Yan Fong Family

Monday January 20 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday January 21 12:10 p.m.

+Francis Tan
(Cheng Family)

Tuesday January 21 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday January 22 12:10 p.m.

+Eva Ho-Koon
(Family)

Wednesday January 22 7:00 p.m.

Maronite Mass

Thursday January 23 12:10 p.m.

+Father John Corkery
(Sunu Liao)

Thursday January 23 7:00 p.m.

+Pauline Patricia Belinda Noel

Friday January 24 12:10 p.m.

+Leonila and Timoteo Bernal
(Family)

Friday January 24 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions
for

Dennis and Regina Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

Saturday January 25 9:00 a.m.

+Darren Keillor

Saturday January 25 5:00 p.m.

+Maxime, Marie Anne and Joseph Yves
Chan-Yan-Fong
(JP and Virginia Chan)

Sunday January 26 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday January 26 10:00 a.m.

+Vincent and Pearl Augustin
(Family)

Sunday January 26 12:00 Noon

+Grace Difede
(Family)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 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: Father Pierre Wood, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? **If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

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."

INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS



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. **Next workshop Tuesday February 11, 2025. More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. Please call Les Rodrigues @ 905-479-6023.**



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOP JANUARY 14, 2025
PHOTOS/VIDEO LINKS**

On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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: "Mending and repairing relationships with family/friends".

[Link to Google Photos Lunch and Learn photos - St. Thomas - January 14 2025 - Speaker Nathalie Bedros Album](#)

[Link to January 14 2025 - Nathalie Bedros "Mending and repairing relationships with family/friends" Lunch and Learn YouTube video](#)

[Link to post of OASIS Lunch and Learn speakers schedule on our parish website](#)

Video and photo credits: Michael Reyes michaelreyes.com

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

On behalf of Good Shepherd Ministries, we thank you very much for your continued support in feeding our needy in the downtown area. We succeed because of you!

We thank God for the grace He gives to each and every one – ZEAL FOR THE POOR!!!

Please have your food donations brought to St. Thomas the Apostle Church on the WEEKENDS of:

2025	JANUARY	18 / 19
	FEBRUARY	15 / 16
	MARCH	15 / 16
	APRIL	12 / 13
	MAY	17 / 18
	JUNE	14 / 15
	JULY	12 / 13
	AUGUST	16 / 17
	SEPTEMBER	13 / 14
	OCTOBER	18 / 19
	NOVEMBER	15 / 16
	DECEMBER	13 / 14

For enquiries, please contact Juliette Huang at (416) 302-1823.

GOD BLESS!!

SHEPHERD'S PIE

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups ground beef (approximately 900 grams – 1 kilogram)
- 4 cups mashed potatoes (approximately 7-8 small potatoes)
- 2 cups gravy (or 2 10-ounce cans of gravy)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper (to taste)
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika (to taste)
- 2 large onions, chopped or minced
- 2 Tablespoons butter or margarine

DIRECTIONS:

Brown the ground beef in your choice of pan. Drain off fat. Combine meat with gravy and onion and mix well. Mix in salt and spices. Spray the pan with vegetable oil or butter the bottom and sides of the pan. Line the bottom of the pan with well-beaten mashed potatoes. Add the meat mixture. Cover with the remaining mashed potatoes. (A really thick layer of mashed potatoes will act as a crust.) Dot with pats/bits of butter. Bake at 325 F for at least 3/4 hour or until potatoes are browned on top. Cool, cover and freeze until casserole collection weekend. (It is easier mark and apply the contents label to the lid before freezing.)

2025 SHEPHERD'S PIE MEAL-A-MONTH CASSEROLES COLLECTION DATES/RECIPE

[Link to Good Shepherd Ministries website](#)

[Link to Shepherd's Pie Recipe](#)

[Link to 2025 Shepherd's Pie Meal-A-Month Casseroles Collection Dates](#)



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 19, 2025

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Jesus performs His first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

This Sunday we begin the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this Lectionary Cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and His first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of His first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and His disciples were invited to this Wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's Liturgical history, the Wedding Feast of Cana is closely associated with the Baptism of the Lord and the Adoration of the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the Wedding Feast is celebrated as an Epiphany or a Manifestation of Jesus' Divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending Passion and Death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' First sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' Passion. When Jesus says to His mother that His hour has not yet come, He protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that His hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to Him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at His Crucifixion, a witness to the final Manifestation of His Divinity.

John's Gospel describes Seven Signs that indicate Jesus' identity to His disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and Wedding Feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the new Covenant. A hint about what this new Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a Wedding Feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine – six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's Kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$5,001.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



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