

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
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 27** 12:10 p.m.
+Nick and Catherine D'Alessandro
(Family)
- Monday January 27** 7:00 p.m.
+Angela Ferri
- Tuesday January 28** 12:10 p.m.
+George Mok
(Agatha and Michael Chan)
- Tuesday January 28** 7:00 p.m.
+Victorina Flores David
(Family)
- Wednesday January 29** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions for Boris D'Souza
(D'Souza Family)
- Wednesday January 29** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Castillo Family
- Thursday January 30** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Mary Huang
(Rose Family)
- Thursday January 30** 7:00 p.m.
+Miguel Francisco
(Family)
- Friday January 31** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Friday January 31** 7:00 p.m.
+Luciano Garcia
(Garcia Family)
- Saturday February 1** 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Saturday February 1** 5:00 p.m.
Living and deceased Members of the
Atkins Family
- Sunday February 2** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday February 2** 10:00 a.m.
+Yesuthasan Arulanantham
(Family)
- Sunday February 2** 12:00 Noon
Thanksgiving Mass
(Julius Arulnathan)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? **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 SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Wishes to thank all parishioners for their generous donations at Christmas. We collected a total of \$6,285.00 Your kindness and support brought joy and hope to many families in need in our parish.

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PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$4,859.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



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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DINNER & A MOVIE WITH THE SAINTS



The story of a peasant girl Bernadette Soubirous, a poverty-stricken, pure hearted adolescent, who saw a vision of a "Beautiful Lady" near her home town of Lourdes in 1858.

Saturday February 08, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm followed by the movie

Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall

ORGANIZED BY THE MEN'S GROUP

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The story of a peasant girl of a peasant girl Bernadette Soubirous, a poverty-stricken, pure hearted adolescent, who saw a vision, of a "Beautiful Lady" near her hometown of Lourdes in 1858. **Saturday February 8, 2025 – Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. followed by the movie. Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall.**

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)

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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.**



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 26, 2025

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Like Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman Literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase “Dear Reader: might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as “lover of God.”

Today’s Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus; Baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. In Chapter four of Luke’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in His hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be His custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke’s Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, He reads from the scroll handed to Him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in His ministry, Jesus announces His mission in continuity with Israel’s prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus’ ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke’s Gospel throughout the year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God’s salvation. The “year acceptable to the Lord” is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when the land was left fallow, and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven, and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God’s promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God’s salvation, but He also brings this salvation about in His person. Jesus is Yahweh’s Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in His life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus’ gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did – bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed – we serve the Kingdom of God.

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