

# 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

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### PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
Lectors	Anna Torres	416-335-9142
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler	905-474-9981
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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 February 3** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Josefa Villanueva  
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Monday February 3** 7:00 p.m.  
+Ricardo Livara  
(Family)
- Tuesday February 4** 12:10 p.m.  
+Joe Braganza  
(D'Souza Family)
- Tuesday February 4** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday February 5** 12:10 p.m.  
Living and deceased members of the  
D'Souza Family
- Wednesday February 5** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Sunyun Jung
- Thursday February 6** 12:10 p.m.  
+Mr. Johannes Bung Hang Lim  
(Rosa Lim)
- Thursday February 6** 7:00 p.m.  
Intentions of Pope Francis  
and Francis Cardinal Leo  
(JP and Virginia Chan)
- Friday February 7** 12:10 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory  
(Maria Lim)
- Friday February 7** 7:00 p.m.  
Vocations to Priesthood
- Saturday February 8** 9:00 a.m.  
+Doreen Keillor
- Saturday February 8** 5:00 p.m.  
+Martis Family  
+Pereira Family  
(Winnie)
- Sunday February 9** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday February 9** 10:00 a.m.  
Intentions of Cathy Mascoll  
(Family)
- Sunday February 9** 12:00 Noon  
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza  
(Family)

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 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, Grace Li, William Lee Ah-Chong and Anna Azimi

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Emelda Soosaithasan, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. **If God is calling you contact 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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### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED** **TO MAKE OUR NEW YEAR FAMILY** **CELEBRATION SO SUCCESSFUL**

To all who organized and arranged everything, **Thank you!** To all the Parishioners who bought tickets – especially those who got tickets when it was announced that ticket sales were low. **Thank you!** \$1,520.00 was raised for the parish. (Thanks, Les.)



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$5,639.12 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



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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. **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.**

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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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## **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40**

*Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised messiah.*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke’s Gospel is to show that God’s promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God’s rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a “light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about Him to all.

[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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