

# 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
Ushers	John Yu	416-828-9711
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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 17 9:00 a.m.**

+Elise Bueler (Family)

**Monday February 17 7:00 p.m.**

**No Evening Mass**

**Tuesday February 18 12:10 p.m.**

+Harry Ramadhin (Family)

**Tuesday February 18 7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of John Halls

**Wednesday February 19 12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Yoke Lan (Family)

**Wednesday February 19 7:00 p.m.**

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of

Lewden Labrador

(Family)

**Thursday February 20 12:10 p.m.**

+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family

+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family

(Family)

**Thursday February 20 7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Susanne Hong Ping

**Friday February 21 12:10 p.m.**

+Eileen Logtenberg

(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Friday February 21 7:00 p.m.**

+Marita Salvosa

(Oscar Salvosa and Family)

**Saturday February 22 9:00 a.m.**

+Erlinda David Petfield (Family)

**Saturday February 22 5:00 p.m.**

+Lee Voon and Tow Ying Ah-Chong

(Family)

**Sunday February 23 8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

**Sunday February 23 10:00 a.m.**

+Reinaldo Vieira-Ribeiro (Family)

**Sunday February 23 12:00 Noon**

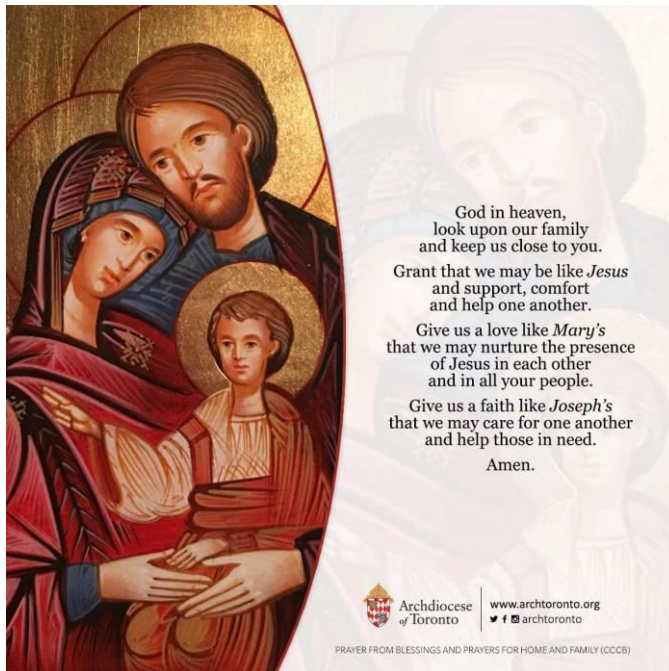
+Lee Voon and Tow Ying Ah-Chong

(JP and Virginie Chan)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 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, Rowena Poon, Jim Coutts, Fanny Chow, Alison Wong, Chris Yeung, William Yung, and Anna Azimi.

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Father Thomas Gregory Chisholm, Deacon Alex Masongsong, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



**ON HOLIDAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
(FAMILY DAY) THERE WILL BE ONE MASS  
AT 9:00 A.M. NO EVENING MASS.**



### PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$4,537.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. **If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon 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)



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Students at St. Benedict and St. Francis Xavier Schools have received their registration forms. If your child does not go to these Schools, please come to the parish office and pick up a registration form. **Registration forms** have to be handed in, along with a **photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate** and **\$35.00** to cover the cost of the catechism book. **Holy Communion will take place June 21 at 5:00 p.m. or June 22 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.** *March 29th is the last day of registration.*



## 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.



## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

***Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.***

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' call Peter to be His disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's Gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among His disciples to be Apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's Gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these Gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel-Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom Literature. They are a way to reach about who will find favor with God. The word ***blessed*** in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation...these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 11, 2025 PHOTOS/VIDEO LINKS**

On [Tuesday, February 11, 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: "Love is in the air/communicating love and connection".

- [Link to Google Photos Lunch and Learn photos - St. Thomas - February 11 2025 - Speaker Nathalie Bedros Album](#)
- [Link to February 11 2025 - Nathalie Bedros Talk 5 • Love is in the Air, Communicating Love and Connection Lunch and Learn YouTube video](#)
- [Link to post of OASIS Lunch and Learn speakers schedule on our parish website](#)

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