

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
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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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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 24 12:10 p.m.
+Ruth Pullen, Lawrence Pullen Jr.
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Monday February 24 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Lorna Deo

Tuesday February 25 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Brendan D'Souza
(D'Souza Family)

Tuesday February 25 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Genco Family
(Genco Family)

Wednesday February 26 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Rita Manjsonian

Wednesday February 26 7:00 p.m.
+Theresa and Veerakoon Joseph
(Family)

Thursday February 27 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Unger Family

Thursday February 27 7:00 p.m.
+Eva Ho Koon
(Family)

Friday February 28 12:10 p.m.
+Chung Ment Chen
(Sunu Liao)

Friday February 28 7:00 p.m.
+Fei Ling Yap
(Wong Family)

Saturday March 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 March 1 5:00 p.m.
+Bernadette and Eugene Lai-Cheong
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday March 2 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday March 2 10:00 a.m.
Intentions of Corazon Asilador and
William Lee Ah-Chong
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Sunday March 3 12:00 Noon
+Virginia Stuart
(Pat Stuart)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 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, Antoinette Di Paolo Bordonaro, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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

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.



Federation of North-American
EXPLORERS

1ST PRIZE - \$500*

2ND PRIZE - \$200*

3RD PRIZE - \$175*

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The FNE are hosting a Chess Tournament to raise funds for a Pilgrimage to Portugal on Holy Week 2025!

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) is a volunteer Catholic Faith-based youth movement that teaches responsibility, promise, commitment, leadership, service, and loyalty. We explore nature, the outdoors, the community, service to others, and the Catholic faith.

Swiss Tournament Style (No elimination format)

10 minutes allocated for each player/game

5 Rounds with a 10 minute break between rounds



Limited to the first 50 registrations

(Potentially more spots available if there is high demand)

Please make an effort to register before Saturday March 1, 2025

Email FNEChess2025@gmail.com to register and to secure your spot (Please provide name, age, and phone#)

WHEN: March 8th, 2025 (sat) from 11am - 3pm

LOCATION:

St Aidan's Catholic Church

3501 Finch Ave E,

Scarborough, ON M1W 2S2

Open to all ages

COST:

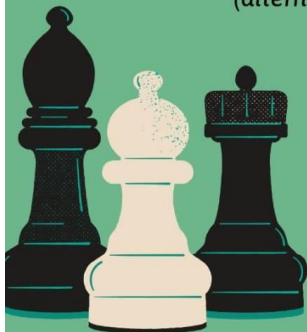
\$50 - Youths < 16

\$75 - Adult 16+



★ *Please bring a chess set and a timing device if you have them.* ★

(alternatively, you can download the Chess Clock app).



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Light refreshments will be provided.

Once registration is confirmed, payment details will be communicated via email.

Please contact FNEChess2025@gmail.com for more information.

** Based on 50 participants*

CHESS TOURNAMENT AT ST. AIDAN'S

St. Aidan's Church (3501 Finch Ave E, Scarborough), will host a Chess Tournament to help raise funds for a pilgrimage to Portugal for the members of the FNE (Federation of North American Explorers), which is a Catholic Scouting Group. This Chess Tournament is open to all ages but there is an entrance fee of \$50.00 for those under the age of 16, and \$75.00 for those 16 and older. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. The tournament will be Swiss Style, not elimination format, which means that contestants can continue playing for the duration of the tournament. It will take place at St. Aidan's Parish on Saturday March 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Based on 50 participants, the first-place prize will be \$500.00, second place \$200.00 and third place \$175.00. Please register by March 1, at FNEChess2025@gmail.com. Please bring your chess set and timer, to the tournament, if you have them. Time allotment for games will be 10 minutes for each player. Light refreshments will be available for participants.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches His disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's Gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teaching of the Law and the Prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of His followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow Him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectation and with a depth beyond imagining.

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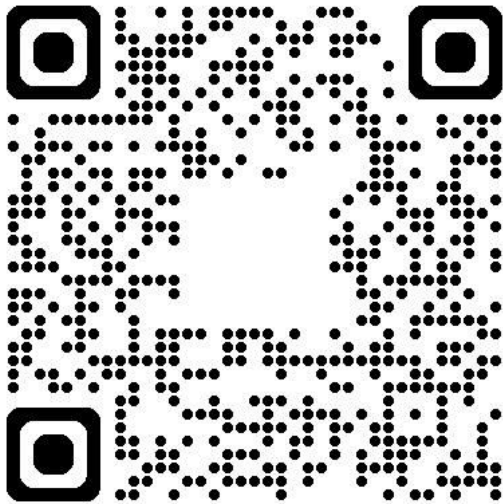
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

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.***

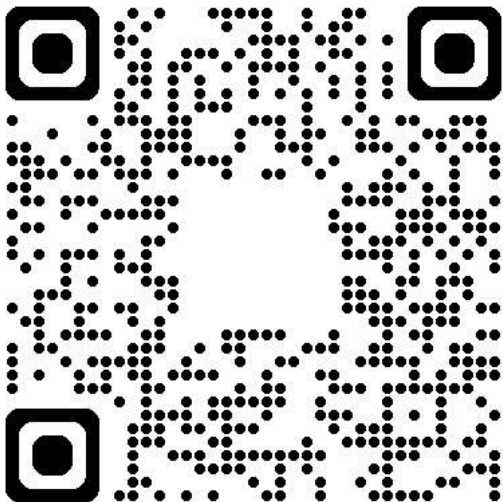


PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$4,504.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



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