

# St. Thomas the Apostle Church

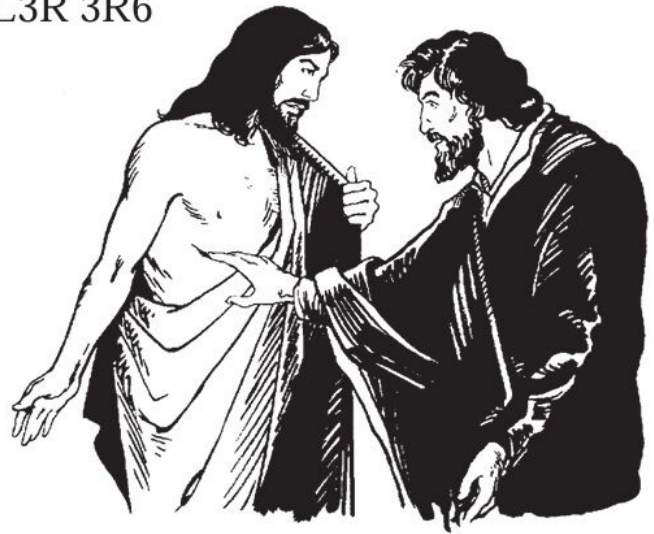
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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”

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# Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday March 10** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Robert Weinstein
- Monday March 10** 7:00 p.m.  
+Maria Nardozi  
(Family)
- Tuesday March 11** 12:10 p.m.  
Intention of  
Anthony Beltrano and Family
- Tuesday March 11** 7:00 p.m.  
+Tony Pinto  
(Family)
- Wednesday March 12** 12:10 p.m.  
Intention of John Seck  
(Family)
- Wednesday March 12** 7:00 p.m.  
Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday March 13** 12:10 p.m.  
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family  
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family  
(Family)
- Thursday March 13** 7:00 p.m.  
+Helen Adams
- Friday March 14** 12:10 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving from  
Boris and Marietta D'Souza
- Friday March 14** 7:00 p.m.  
+Lucia Coutinho  
(Family)
- Saturday March 15** 9:00 a.m.  
+Theresa Yu  
(Family)
- Saturday March 15** 5:00 p.m.  
+Lizette Wong Chan Chak Yin  
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Sunday March 16** 8:00 a.m.  
+Eva Ho Koon  
(Family)
- Sunday March 16** 10:00 a.m.  
+William Seck  
(Family)
- Sunday March 16** 12:00 Noon  
For the People of the Parish

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Al Jacob, Kelvin Ramoutar, 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, Anna Azimi, and Pope Francis.

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** Aloysius Carvalho, Helen Adams, Antoinette Di Paolo Bordonaro, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



### **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.**



### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

"Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? **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)

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## **CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN**

Please join our Lenten Food Drive for Dr. Simone – [Canadian Food For Children](#). They need iodized salt, canned meats and fish and bars of soap. This will begin March 8/9 until April 5/6. Thank you.



## **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$5,930.69 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.



**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL TAKE PLACE**  
**AFTER MASS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

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**LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2025**

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**WATCH YE, AND PRAY THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION.  
THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH WEAK**

**Mission Director: Fr. Chris Czapla (Society of Christ)  
Associate Pastor Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish**

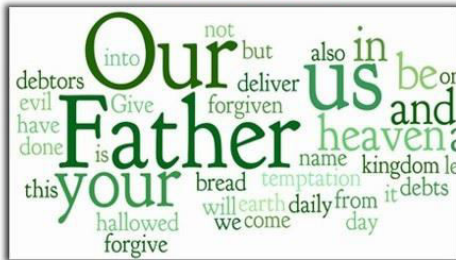
**Date: April 1-3, 2025 (Tue, Wed, Thu),**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

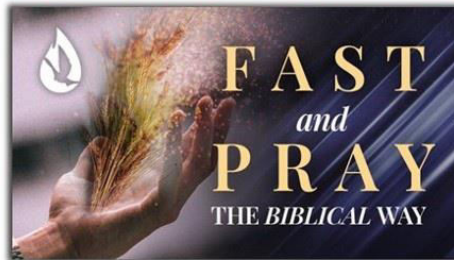
**Venue: St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

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**DAY 1: PRAYER – “LORD, TEACH  
US TO PRAY”  
(OUR FATHER)**



**DAY 2: FASTING –  
“BUT THIS KIND IS NOT CAST OUT  
BUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING”**



**DAY 3: ALMSGIVING –  
“PRAYER IS GOOD WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY FASTING,  
ALMSGIVING, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS”**



**LENTEN PRAYER MISSION 2025**

**WATCH YE AND PRAY THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION.  
THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH WEAK.**

**Mission Director: Father Chris Czapla (Society of Christ)  
Associate Pastor Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish**

**Date: Tuesday April 1, Wednesday April 2, Thursday April 3**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.**

**Day 1 – Prayer – “Lord, Teach us to Pray. (Our Father)**

**Day 2 – Fasting – “But this king is not cast out but by prayer and fasting”.**

**Day 3 – Almsgiving – “Prayer is good when accompanied by fasting, almsgiving and righteousness”**



## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 41-13**

***In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.***

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after His Baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use His power to appease His hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insights into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to His promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that He will not put God to the test. Grounding Himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by His confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the evil will return. Jesus knows that He will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to Him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is His Sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus response to the temptation of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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## **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.

SEPTUAGESIMA SEXAGESIMA  
QUINQUAGESIMA

SHROVE  
TUESDAY



Shrove - Pardon

ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Remember  
O man  
that dust  
thou art



and to dust  
shalt thou return

# LENT

40 DAYS PREPARATION FOR EASTER

I II III

IV Mothering  
or Refreshment Sunday

(And 2 more Sundays in Lent overleaf)



PRAYER  
Our weapon



against the Devil

FASTING  
Our weapon



against the Flesh

## ALMSGIVING



Our weapon against the World

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LENT 2025**

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