

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

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Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku 416-298-2541

DAY CARE

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St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday March 17** 12:10 p.m.
+Marita Salvosa
(Ver Family)
- Monday March 17** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday March 18** 12:10 p.m.
+Aloysius Carvalho
(Family)
- Tuesday March 18** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Patricia, Paul and Steven
Chong-Ah-Yan and extended Family
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Wednesday March 19** 12:10 p.m.
Living and deceased Families and
friends of Chit and Josephine Szeto
(Chit and Josephine Szeto)
- Wednesday March 19** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday March 20** 12:10 p.m.
+Eric Leung
(Seck Family)
- Thursday March 20** 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving for Claudita Jardin
(Family)
- Friday March 21** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Melania Szeto
- Friday March 21** 7:00 p.m.
+Al Jacob
- Saturday March 22** 9:00 a.m.
+K.C. Joseph
(Family)
- Saturday March 22** 5:00 p.m.
+Vaughan Georges
(Family)
- Sunday March 23** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday March 23** 10:00 a.m.
+Andrew Chiu
(Stephen and Bysshe Chung)
- Sunday March 23** 12:00 Noon
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Allan Dinglasan

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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: Father Casimir Krystkowiak, Al Jacob, 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.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His Transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. **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



THANK YOU TO THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES (AND FRIENDS)

Who prepared and served our Annual Pancake Breakfast in preparation for Lent. \$1,123.25 was raised for ShareLife. Thank you!



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 \$6,440.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.

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

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FAST
and
PRAY
THE BIBLICAL WAY



ALZHEIMER *giving*

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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”



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28B-36

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples-Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer indicates that Jesus is praying as His appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before His passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as His exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to Him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In His Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness His Passion, and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration.

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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.



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



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