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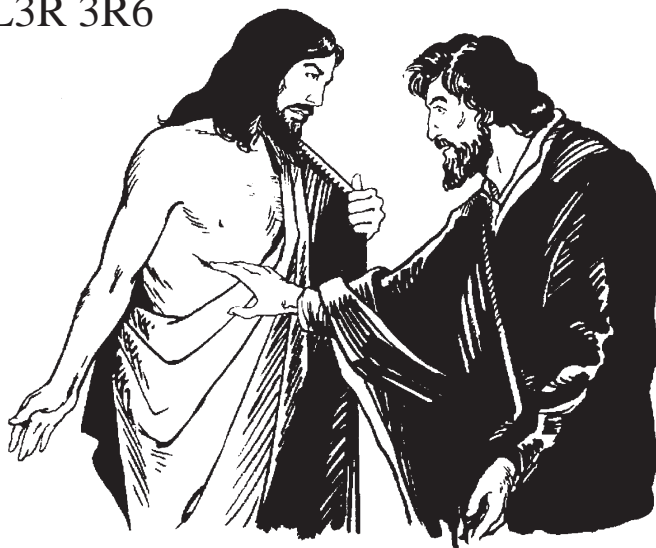
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

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Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday May 5** 12:10 p.m.
+Fei Ling Yap
(Society of St. Vincent de Paul)
- Monday May 5** 7:00 p.m.
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza
(Family)
- Tuesday May 6** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Lucy Fink
(Family)
- Tuesday May 6** 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday May 7** 12:10 p.m.
+Lourdes Benedict
+Santhi Benedict
+Rajahkumar Benedict
(Family)
- Wednesday May 7** 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Mass for Bruce Labrador
(Family)
- Thursday May 8** 12:10 p.m.
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)
- Thursday May 8** 7:00 p.m.
+Fellicer Silvestre Sombero
(Family)
- Friday May 9** 12:10 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory
(Maria Lim)
- Friday May 9** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions for
Conrad, Tammy and Nicholas Poon
(Family)
- Saturday May 10** 9:00 a.m.
+Leo Maglieha
- Saturday May 10** 5:00 p.m.
+Georgina Garcia
(Family)
- Sunday May 11** 8:00 a.m.
Intentions of Sister Emma Ling
(Ling Family)
- Sunday May 11** 10:00 a.m.
+Fellicer Silvestre Sombero
(Family)
- Sunday May 11** 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **SUNDAY MAY 4, 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, Jonrick Carlos Bautista, Fitzroy James, Anna Azimi, Colin Pereira, Deacon Everis Munroe, and Linda Sanguinetti.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have no one to pray for them.



SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY JUNE 7 **PARISH FAMILY EVENT TO HONOUR FATHER** **ALLYN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? **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

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 April to October 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)

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INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

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Let us learn, share, and feel good together!

Falls Prevention: Xiao Xiao Xiang - York Region - May 13

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OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS

Next workshop Tuesday May 13, 2025. Talk: Learn about important factors for healthy aging and fall prevention from a public health nurse. Topics include Healthy Eating, Staying Active, Medication Safety, Staying Socially Connected, Fall Prevention, and Safety in the Home. More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. Please contact Francis Martis (fmartis51@gmail.com).

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim with the instruction of Sr. Lucia, one of the three young seers who saw Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal from May through October of 1917. On May 13th, 1947, in the presence of 150,000 pilgrims, the statue was blessed by the Bishop of Leiria at Fatima to be the pilgrim, the traveler. The Bishop asked Our Lady to accompany the statue on its journeys. Sent out to bring the Message of Fatima to the world, its journey now brings Our Lady to **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish** in Markham, Ontario.

Spread the Word

Be sure to spread the word and invite as many people as possible to attend this powerful event.

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 2025

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. - Arrival of Our Lady
- Procession and Crowning of Mary
- Marian Hymns (Children's Choir)
- 9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass
- 9:45 a.m. - Custodian Presentation
- 10:00 a.m. - The Holy Rosary
- Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 10:45 a.m. - Private Prayers
- 12 Noon - The Angelus
- Private Prayers
- 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Private Prayers
- Custodian Presentation
- 5:00 p.m. - Holy Mass
- 6:00 p.m. - Closing Ceremony

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 24TH, 2025

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

AT ST. THOMAS - MAY 24, 2025



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.

2000 Hail Mary Devotion

"Drop by and pray with us in the month of Mary"



THE LEGION OF MARY

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
(14 Highgate Drive, Markham, Ontario)

Date: Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Time: 6:00 a.m. and throughout the day



Tentative Program

- ✚ Four Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- ✚ Opening prayers and Consecration prayers
- ✚ Holy Mass (9:00 a.m. in the church)
- ✚ 2000 Hail Mary Devotion with 20 petitions (including personal petitions)
- ✚ 12:00 Noon - Regina Caeli; Lunch / Snacks
- ✚ 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy
- ✚ Continuation of the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion
- ✚ Concluding prayers followed by burning of petitions

Remarks


- ✚ Feel free to bring something to share for lunch and snacks. You can also bring flowers for Our Lady if you wish.

Come and Pray with us anytime throughout the day!




To Jesus Through Mary!





The Legion of Mary is having a
"BOOK BARROW"
Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th
after all Masses



A book barrow is a library of spiritual/religious books that parishioners can borrow at no cost, to read at their leisure and return the item(s) when they are done with them. These books will help deepen your faith in life's journey. To assist you with your choice of book(s), legionaries will be available in the foyer of the church after all Masses.

**2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE –
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading – John 21:1:19

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after His Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after His Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize Him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus had directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become His very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring – bread and wine, "the work of human hands" – and transforms our offering into the gift of His very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs Himself to Simon Peter. The Community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow Him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.



MAY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



THIRD WEEK OF EASTER - [SHARELIFE](#)

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED

On the Second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at [St. Michael's Homes](#). For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up. We have collected **\$24,2282.70**. Our goal is **\$114,500.00**.



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Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).

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