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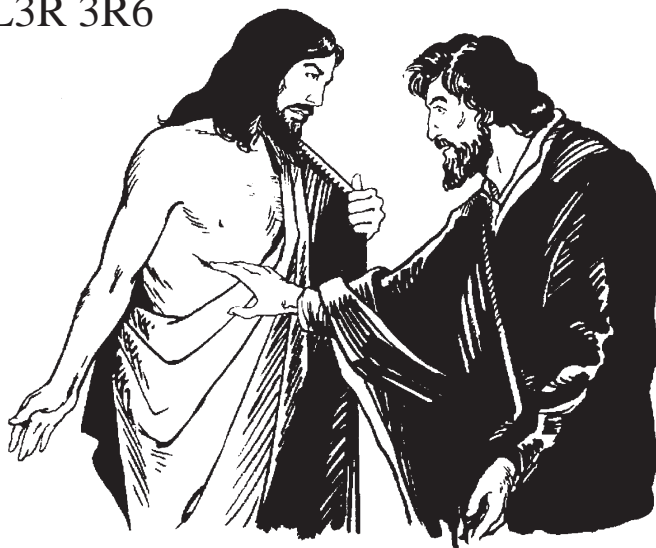
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

“Dominus meus et Deus meus”

SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646

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PARISH GROUPS

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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

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536

St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday May 12 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of

Megan Atkins and Family

Monday May 12 7:00 p.m.

+Giuseppe and Vita Di Blasi
(Family)

Tuesday May 13 12:10 p.m.

+Glenda Lobo

+Vivian Lobo

Living members of the Lobo Family

Tuesday May 13 7:00 p.m.

+Shiu-Kai Poon
(Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday May 14 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Mary Sorichetti
(Family)

Wednesday May 14 7:00 p.m.

+Austin Noronha and Family
(Pat and Phil)

Thursday May 15 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Marita Stuckless
(Family and Friends)

Thursday May 15 7:00 p.m.

+Tony Pinto
(Family)

Friday May 16 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Mackenzie Ofarrell
(Family)

Friday May 16 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Giovanna Tse
(Family)

Saturday May 17 9:00 a.m.

+Kazimierz Starkiewicz
(Family)

Saturday May 17 5:00 p.m.

+Glenn Guillem
(Guillem Family)

Sunday May 18 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 18 10:00 a.m.

+Reverend J. Basil Breen
(Jefferson Tse)

Sunday May 18 12:00 p.m.

+Reverend J. Basil Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MAY 11, 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, Linda Sanguinetti.

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. **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



PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).
We received \$6,967.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.**

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.

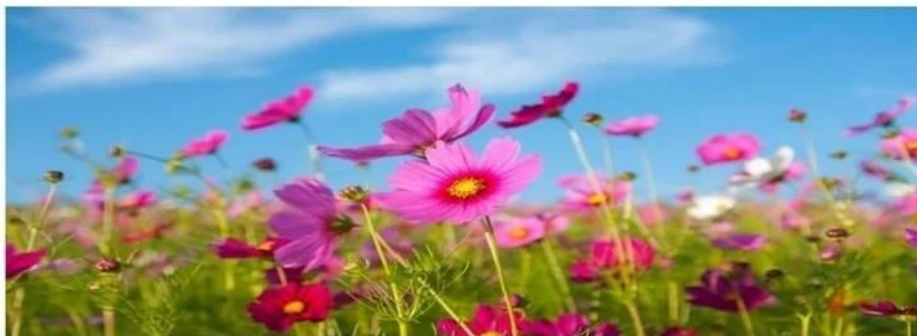
How to register: Text or call Les (905-479-6023),
Russell (647-898-6480) or Fran (647-787-5771).

OASIS (Older Adults Sharing In Service)

"We provide a little something for the mind, body and soul."

INSIGHTS ON WELLNESS

SENIORS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS



Let us learn, share, and feel good together!

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

Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Nathalie Bedros 416-921-1163 ext.2251



OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS

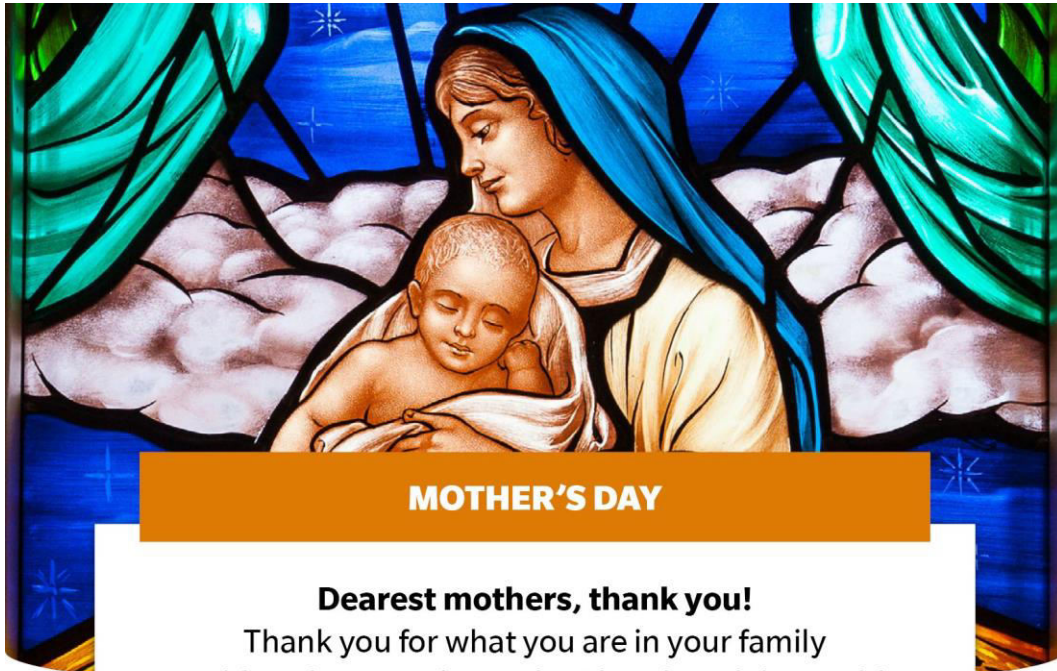
Next workshop Tuesday May 13, 2025. Talk: Learn about important factors for healthy aging and fall prevention from a public health nurse. Topics include Healthy Eating, Staying Active, Medication Safety, Staying Socially Connected, Fall Prevention, and Safety in the Home. More details on bulletin board.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



FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER – [SHARELIFE](#)

Sow the seeds of hope for the next generation.

The future of the Church depends on men and women heroically answering God's call. When you support ShareLife, you enable the discernment, formation and education of those who will serve in our parishes through the [Office of Vocations](#) and seminaries. Your kindness makes it possible for future priests to attend [St. Augustine's Seminary](#) and the [Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminary](#) where they learn to tend to the permanent deacons and lay people serving our parishes. Thank you for your prayers and commitment towards young people on their journeys of faith. We have collected **\$34,911.45**. **Our goal is \$114,500.00.**



MOTHER'S DAY

Dearest mothers, thank you!

Thank you for what you are in your family
and for what you give to the Church and the world.
May the blessing of God be with you always.

Pope Francis

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A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!



SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY JUNE 7

PARISH FAMILY EVENT TO HONOUR FATHER ALLYN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading – John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to His authority by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of My sheep." Then Jesus asserts His unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but He escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and His followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one – not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of 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.



THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM OF THE VIRGIN STATUE IS COMING TO TORONTO!!!

The twin-statue of Fatima from Portugal travels all around North America, and Our Mother is making her visit in Toronto from May 15-30. The Fatima statue will be gracing us with her presence at St. Thomas The Apostle Church on **Saturday, May 24, 2025** (see bulletin boards and website for more info). This is an opportunity to experience the special presence of Our Mother, and deliver the message and blessing of what the Fatima Tour for Peace brings. Its mission is to spread peace and unity through prayers, reconciliation and personal sacrifices. The last time the Fatima statue was here was back in 2017, when the Archdiocese of Toronto participated in the Centennial Tour for Peace, making the 100th year anniversary of the Fatima Apparition. Visit <https://fatimatourforpeace.com/> for additional information. Come and join us in prayers and celebrate this significant visit!

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA VISITATION SITES

Our Lady travels all around North America, and is the twin statue of the one in Portugal. Not everyone is able to go on a pilgrimage to Portugal, so to have Mama Mary come to us is a great honour and privilege!

We invite you to come and spend some time with Our Lady. Each parish's Schedule varies so please contact the parish for information:

May 15 th , 2025	St. Barnabas Parish (Scarborough) Phone: 416-298-0909
May 17 th , 2025	St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish (Brampton) Phone: 905-792-7497
May 18 th , 2025	St. Alphonsus Parish (Toronto) Phone: 416-653-4486
May 21 st , 2025	Blessed Frederic Ozanam Parish (Markham) Phone: 289-554-0556
May 22 nd , 2025	St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Brampton) Phone: 905-793-8030
May 24 th , 2025	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (Markham) Phone: 905-474-1224
May 25 th & 26 th	St. Wilfrid's Parish (North York) Phone: 416-840-3111
May 27 th , 2025	St. Francis Xavier Parish (Mississauga) Phone: 905-890-5290
May 28 th , 2025	Holy Redeemer Parish (Pickering) Phone: 905-839-9774
May 30 th , 2025	St. Alphonsus Syro Malabar Cathedral (Mississauga) Phone: 905-814-6003

MAY 2025 PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA VISITATION SITES SCHEDULE

[Link for more details regarding the Pilgrim Statue of Fatima on our parish website](#)

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