

# 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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### PARISH GROUPS

Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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#### Organists

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### DAY CARE

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St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT

905-475-2350

## Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday May 26** 12:10 p.m.  
+R. P. Sabaratnam  
(Family)
- Monday May 26** 7:00 p.m.  
+Poerwanpo (Poe) Soesatyo  
(Teresa Lin)
- Tuesday May 27** 12:10 p.m.  
Intentions of Cathy Sorichetti  
(Family)
- Tuesday May 27** 7:00 p.m.  
+Chit Szeto  
(Shiyan Zhang Maryann)
- Wednesday May 28** 12:10 p.m.  
+Margaret Cheng  
+Betty Chung  
(Cheng Family)
- Wednesday May 28** 7:00 p.m.  
+Francesco Zampino  
(Family)
- Thursday May 29** 12:10 p.m.  
+Bemvinda and Manuel DSouza  
(DSouza Family)
- Thursday May 29** 7:00 p.m.  
+Mary Sikorski  
(Woo Family)
- Friday May 30** 12:10 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving for  
Gordon and Carmen Yan
- Friday May 30** 7:00 p.m.  
For Good health and intentions for the  
DSouza and Baena Family  
(DSouza Family)
- Saturday May 31** 9:00 a.m.  
+Terry Lahey  
(Family)
- Saturday May 31** 5:00 p.m.  
+Rodolfo and Rosalina Asilador  
(Family)
- Sunday June 1** 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday June 1** 10:00 a.m.  
In Thanksgiving for Allester Labrador  
(Family)
- Sunday June 1** 12:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of  
Carlos and Maria Cabrera  
(Family)

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **SUNDAY MAY 25, 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, Anna Azimi, Colin Pereira, Deacon Everis Munroe, Linda Sanguinetti.

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



### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### **PARISH OFFERTORY**

Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses).  
We received \$5,799.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.

WE INVITE ALL PARISHONERS & FAMILY TO

# FR. ALLYN ROSE'S FAREWELL PARTY

DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 7TH

MASS: 5:00PM-6:00PM

RECEPTION/ POT LUCK DINNER: 6:00PM-10:00PM

LOCATION: ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE - PARISH HALL



For the next 3 weekends we will have sign up sheets for attendance & food contributions. There will be a gift box for personal cards, donations, etc. Please feel free to bring your soft or hard drinks of choice to toast Fr Allyn.

FR. ALLYN HAS DEDICATED ALMOST 9 YEARS SERVING OUR PARISH FAMILY.  
PLEASE COME OUT TO HONOUR THE SHEPPARD OF THIS COMMUNITY

SPONSORED BY ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

**SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY JUNE 7TH**

**PARISH FAMILY EVENT TO HONOUR FATHER ALLYN ROSE**

All the parish ministries together invite all parishioners and their family to a potluck dinner after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday June 7. For the next three weekends, after every Mass we will have a group of volunteers in the front foyer to accept your registration for the number of attendees and your food contribution. Just for your info, Father Allyn likes spicy food. We will also have a gift box where you can deposit your personal cards, donations, etc. Since this function is by invitation and no tickets are being sold, no liquor license is required, as such you are invited to bring your drink of choice to share with Father Allyn. Father enjoys a cold Guinness, and I have never heard him refuse any drink. And I enjoy any drink that is complementary. Father Allyn has dedicated almost nine years to serve our parish family. Let's get together, in big numbers to honour the Shepherd of this parish.

# PROCESSION

IN HONOUR OF THE FEAST OF THE

# VISITATION

**SAT MAY 31 AT 8:30 AM**  
**STARTING AT THE DAUGHTERS OF**  
**ST. MARY OF LEUCA GROTTO**



**PROCESSION MAY 31ST IN HONOUR OF THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION**

Please join us for a procession starting at the Convent across the street at 8:30 a.m.



**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.





## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29**

***Jesus promises His disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.***

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing His disciples in advance for His absence so that they will continue to believe in Him and not feel all alone after His return to the Father. After the initial excitement of His Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with His followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the Liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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## **SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER – [SHARELIFE](#)**

**Your love can help others thrive**

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a [Catholic Family Services](#) agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees the: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles. **We have collected \$38,509.95. Our goal is \$114,500.00.**

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