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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

St. Francis Xavier

905-470-2225

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PARISH GROUPS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Altar Boys | Father Allyn Rose | Parish Office |
| Lectors | Anna Torres | 416-335-9142 |
| Ushers | John Yu | 416-828-9711 |
| Screening Coordinator | Liz Pinto | 905-889-5755 |
| R.C.I.A. | Juliette Huang | 416-302-1823 |
| Legion of Mary | Winnie Thien | 416-889-0659 |
| Legion of Mary Sr. | Seth Bueler | 905-474-9981 |
| Men's Group | Lloyd Mascarenhas | 647-461-2464 |
| Prayer Group | Al Jacob | 416-697-7179 |
| 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 June 9** 12:10 p.m.
+Chik Hing Anthony Yu
(Family)
- Monday June 9** 7:00 p.m.
+Manuel De Oliveira Leal Henriques
(Family)
- Tuesday June 10** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Jackie Mackenzie
(Pucyk Family)
- Tuesday June 10** 7:00 p.m.
+Manuel De Oliveira Leal Henriques
(Family)
- Wednesday June 11** 12:10 p.m.
+Marie Smith
(Jackie Mackenzie)
- Wednesday June 11** 7:00 p.m.
+Manuel De Oliveira Leal Henriques
(Family)
- Thursday June 12** 12:10 p.m.
+Bernadette Price
(Rose Family)
- Thursday June 12** 7:00 p.m.
+Tony Mendonca
(Family)
- Friday June 13** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of
Maria Creta and the Rosary Group
- Friday June 13** 7:00 p.m.
+May Harty
(Alice Slattery)
- Saturday June 14** 9:00 a.m.
+Maria Carmela Jose
(Family)
- Saturday June 14** 5:00 p.m.
+Linda Zanre
- Sunday June 15** 8:00 a.m.
+Ernesto Baja Sombero
(Family)
- Sunday June 15** 10:00 a.m.
+Tony Pinto
(Family)
- Sunday June 15** 12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish

PENTECOST SUNDAY **SUNDAY JUNE 8, 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, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, and Andy Pucyk.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Lucia Thi Chin Do, Estrela Whiting, and for those who have no one to pray for them.



PENTECOST

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. **If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.



PENTECOST

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

You are the light of hope this ShareLife Sunday.

On the Third [ShareLife](#) Sunday of the year, you can extend God's compassion and solidarity to our brothers and sisters. Together with your support, let us illuminate His light in the darkest of places, providing strength to those enduring unimaginable hardships. Because of you, people who feel the weight of the world on their shoulders can experience some relief. Like young mother Sarah, and her 4-week-old baby, who fled a life-threatening situation. She went from being alone, homeless and afraid, to supported, secure and safe through programs at [Catholic Family Services of Durham](#). **We have collected \$38,509.95. Our goal is \$114,500.00.**



FEAST OF THE VISITATION PROCESSION –

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 - PHOTOS/VIDEO LINKS

On the Feast of the Visitation, Saturday, May 31, 2025, there was a procession starting across the street at the Convent of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca grotto that started at 8:30 a.m. It processed through nearby neighborhoods, culminating at our church in time for Marian devotions and the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

- [Link to Google Photos May 31 2025 - Procession in Honour of the feast of the Visitation - St Thomas the Apostle Parish](#)
- [Link to May 31 2025 - Procession in Honour of the feast of the Visitation - St Thomas the Apostle Parish YouTube video](#)
- [Link to original post on our parish website](#)
- [Link to photo album of Visitation Procession post on our parish Facebook page](#)

Video and photo credits: Michael Reyes [michaelreyes.com](https://www.michaelreyes.com)

Senior Safety Session for *Your Community*



Why should I go?

York Regional Police is partnering with the community to provide an educational session to seniors in York Region.

Topics to be discussed

- [] Frauds and Scams
- [] Crime Prevention
- [] Elder Abuse
- [] Personal Safety

What will I learn about?

Educate yourself on important information and meet other seniors that live in your community. Meet a senior safety officer and learn more about York Regional Police. Share what you have learned with others in the community.

Date:

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Location:

St. Thomas the Apostle - 14 Highgate, Markham

Time:

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

How to sign up:

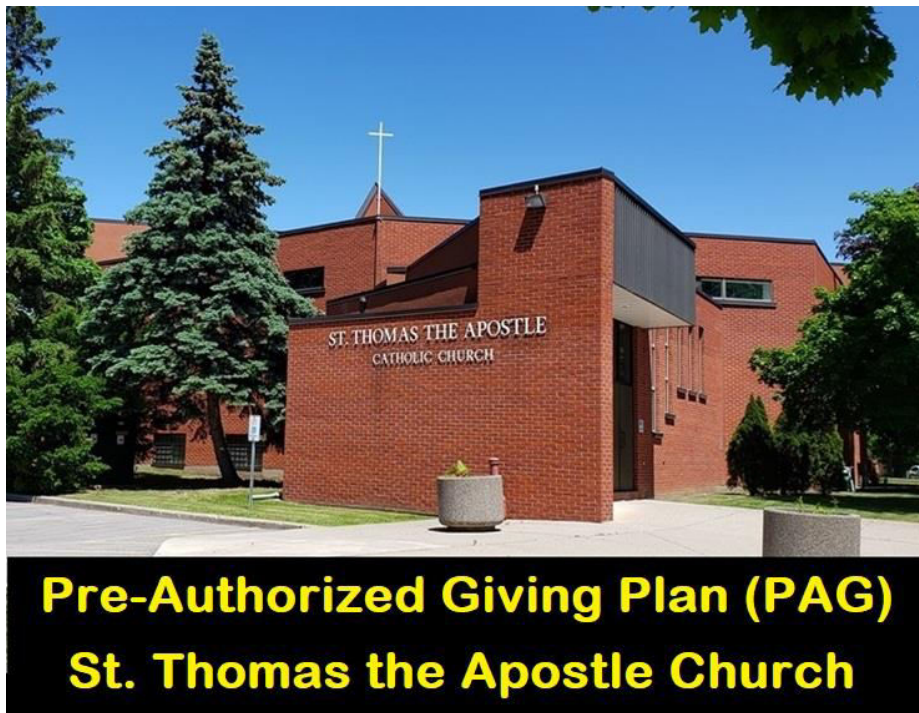
Email Francis - Oasis.st@outlook.com

Contact for session:

Call/text Les - 905-479-6023, Russell - 647-898-6480

OASIS LUNCH AND WORKSHOPS

Next workshop Tuesday June 17, 2025. Time: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. - York Regional Police is partnering with the community to provide an educational session to seniors in York Region. Topics to be discussed: Frauds and Scams, Crime prevention, Elder Abuse, Personal Safety. Educate yourself on important information and meet other seniors that live in your community. Meet a senior safety officer and learn more about York Regional Police. Share what you have learned with others in the community. More details on bulletin board. Reservation is a must for organizing lunch. **Please contact: Francis Oasis.st@outlook.com, call or text Les 905-479-6023 or Russell 647-898-6480.**



TRANSCRIPT OF FR. ALLYN ROSE EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PAG FOR WEEKLY DONATIONS AT OUR PARISH

Our weekly goal is to collect \$7,500 in our weekly offertory. Last week, we collected \$6,740.94. This includes pre-authorized giving and amounts received from Donate Now. I was also noticed that on the weekend of Victoria Day weekend, there was a marked decrease in our collection that weekend. And probably that's because people were away and visiting relatives, hopefully going to Mass wherever they went. Because when we go on vacation, we don't go on vacation from God. But one thing that I just wanted to suggest: If you are going on vacation, that maybe signing up for pre-authorized giving is a way to go about that. That way, the money comes directly out of your bank account once a month and comes to the parish. And you don't have to be scrounging around every week trying to find money to put into your envelopes. You just know that it would automatically be sent to the parish. And also then, if you're going away, you know that your money is still going to your spiritual home. Because that's what the parish is: your spiritual home. And just like when you go away on vacation, you still have to pay your bills at home. So also when you go away on vacation, your bills still need to be paid at your spiritual home. Because the church is not just a spiritual reality, but also a material reality. And just like any other material reality, it has material needs. And each Catholic is obliged to assist the church in its material obligations, its material needs, each according to their own ability. So PAG, pre-authorized giving, is a way of doing this, where it's less hassle, because it just automatically happens, and comes out of your bank account once a month.

- [Link to Facebook June 1, 2025 Sunday Mass \(source of transcript from Announcements\)](#)
- [Link to Pre-Authorized Giving Plan \(PAG\) page on our parish website](#)



PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received \$6,890.94 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Solemnity of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after His death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the Second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Solemnity of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends His disciples to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's Sacramental Life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situation of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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