

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday April 28 12:10 p.m.

+Madeline Ng
(Cheng Family)

Monday April 28 7:00 p.m.

+Carmen Tiongson
(Family)

Tuesday April 29 12:10 p.m.

+Bonnie Ho
(Family)

Tuesday April 29 7:00 p.m.

+Maximo Bulaon
(Family)

Wednesday April 30 12:10 p.m.

Intentions of Genco Family
(Genco Family)

Wednesday April 30 7:00 p.m.

+T.A. George
(Family)

Thursday May 1 12:10 p.m.

+Andre Mascoll
(Family)

Thursday May 1 7:00 p.m.

+Neil Gordon
(Alicia Lyn)

Friday May 2 12:10 p.m.

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

Friday May 2 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday May 3 9:00 a.m.

Living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday May 3 5:00 p.m.

+Al Jacob
(Clara Menezes and Family)

Sunday May 4 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 4 10:00 a.m.

+Poerlianto Soesatyo
(Sisca Hartandie)

Sunday May 4 12:00 p.m.

Intentions of Ryan Leitch
(Allan Dinglasan)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** **SUNDAY APRIL 27, 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: And for those who have no one to pray for them.



LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS WHO DIED MONDAY APRIL 21ST IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Oh God, who in Your wondrous providence chose your servant Pope Francis to preside over your church, grant, we pray, that, having served as the Vicar of Your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by Him into Eternal Glory, who lives and reigns with You in the Unity of The Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



PARISH OFFERTORY

**Weekly goal \$7,500 (to meet our expenses).
We received: \$6,941.19 - Includes PAG and Donate Now.**



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



**NOTE FROM MARY GOWRAN ROSE, MOTHER OF FR. ROSE,
ON UPCOMING PARISH FAMILY EVENT FOR FR. ROSE**

"Just a comment. As Fr. Allyn's parents we would have loved to be at the event to honour him. Such a beautiful idea. We had come to love being present in your church and to celebrate special occasions, such as meeting Frank, Cardinal Leo. We admired the beautification of the church, the Sanctuary and all the other things accomplished in the past 8+ years. Sadly, his father and I will be in Ireland at the time of the event you're planning. However, we will be there in spirit and want to thank all of you for the welcome he received and the support he engendered in his time with you. Lastly, we are very grateful and appreciative of the St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. We have been warmly welcomed every time we visited. God bless you all. Mary T. Rose."



**LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO WILL RECEIVE
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS WEEKEND**

That the Holy Spirit may touch these Candidates in their minds and hearts and strengthen them to live their Catholic Faith. May their parents, relatives and friends help them by their good example.



EASTER VIGIL MASS/RECEPTION PHOTOS AT ST. THOMAS PARISH, APRIL 19, 2025

The Easter Vigil Mass took place in our church at 8:30 pm. Several new members were received and baptized into our Catholic faith at the Mass. A reception followed the Mass downstairs in our Parish Hall.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the Resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to His disciples after His Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus Resurrection is that He appeared to His disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until He broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in His resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; He appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of His Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send His disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when He gives His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to His disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus's ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to His disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after His death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISH CATECHISTS

Who worked to help prepare our candidates for Confirmation. May the Lord bless you for your dedication and generous service to our parish.



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.