

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
Lectors	Anna Torres
Communion Ministers	Winnie Thien
Ushers	John Yu
RCIA & Catechesis	Deacon Terence Rebello
Youth Ministry	Elijah Espela
Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler
Legion of Mary Jr.	Winnie Thien
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee
Liturgical Music	Christopher/Kevin Ku
Grand Cantor	Ryan Wong
St. Vincent De Paul	905 474 1224 ext. 230

SOCIO-SPIRITUAL SUPPORT & SERVICES

Men's Group:
First Saturday Mornings After 9:00pm Mass
OASIS Seniors' Meetings:
Every Tuesday after 12:10 Mass in the Parish Hall
Confraternity of Mothers And Sisters (CMAS):
First Friday after 12:10 Mass

Pastor:	Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Parish Manager:	Jackie Mackenzie
Parish Staff:	Maureen Daunt Geraldine Rocha
Retired Priest in Residence:	Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday	:	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday:		10:00 am. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:		9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday:	12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to 7:00 Evening Mass.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays with evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.

CONFESSIONS

20 Minutes before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

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

In the case of serious illness, families are requested to notify the Parish Office to arrange the Anointing of the Sick.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict	905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday March 16	12:10 p.m.
+Harry Ramadhin (Family)	
Monday March 16	7:00 p.m.
+Librada Castro (Family)	
Tuesday March 17	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Erika Schiefer	
Tuesday March 17	7:00 p.m.
+Tatiana Mokra	
Wednesday March 18	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Ann Utom	
Wednesday March 18	7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Gabriel Moffat	
Thursday March 19	12:10 p.m.
+Jose Salanga (Kayla and John Dechavez)	
Thursday March 19	7:00 p.m.
+Mia Bosquet (Chan Family)	
Friday March 20	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Melania Szeto	
Friday March 20	7:00 p.m.
Mass in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Saturday March 21	9:00 a.m.
+Pat Devlin (D'Souza Family)	
Saturday March 21	
+Lizette Wong Chan Chuk Tin (JP and Virginie Chan)	
Sunday March 22	8:00 a.m.
+Maria Mascarenhas (Family)	
Sunday March 22	10:00 a.m.
+Reinaldo Vieira-Ribeiro	
Sunday March 22	12:00 p.m.
For the People of the Parish	



Laetare Sunday of Lent

Lord, You are the light that brings joy to our hearts. Open our eyes to see Your mercy, fill us with hope and gladness, and strengthen us as we continue our journey toward the joy of Easter. **Amen.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 29th
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon



Holy Thursday – April 2nd
Confessions 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00 pm
(Adoration Until Midnight)



Good Friday- April 3rd
No Confessions
Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am
The Lord's Passion at 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm
Stations of Cross at 7:00 pm



Holy Saturday – April 4th
Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am
Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm



Easter Sunday – April 5th
Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon
Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am



MEMORIAL LAMPS - INTENTIONS

Mar 13th – Mar 19th

In loving memory of,
Patricia Mckenna,

Requested by,
 Family

Intentions of,
Thomas Alex (Mahora).

In Loving Memory of,
Richard Tavares,

Rest in peace. Always in Our hearts & Prayers

Requested by
 Geraldine, Tavares & Rocha Family

In Memoriam:

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Let us pray for the sick and those in care homes or hospitals.

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta, Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian & Pete Fernandes.

March 15, 2026

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join our parish community in praying the Way of the Cross during the Season of Lent.

**Every Friday at our Church,
After the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Accompanying Jesus from Gethsemane to Golgotha



Our Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on **March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. This retreat is hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**. Light Lunch will follow. All parishioners are Warmly invited.

MASS FOR HEALING OF THE SICK MASS



A special Mass for Healing of the Sick will be held at our parish on **Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to attend and seek the Lord's blessing and healing for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. All are welcome.

COFFEE & COOKIES AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS



We warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to join us for coffee & cookies after all Sunday Masses in the Large Hall. All are welcome!

SHARELIFE COLLECTION-MARCH 22nd

Next weekend is the first ShareLife collection. Your generous support helps fund Catholic agencies providing care for those in need in our community

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

The Seamless Ministry of KOC

Fr. Basil Breen, himself an active member of the Knights of Columbus (KOC), encouraged the Council that was established at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Alex Chiu (RIP) who was a Councilor at the Local Municipality and Joe Virgillo who was then the Chair of the York Region School Board offered to help in the recruitment of more members to join the KOC at our Parish. Alex Chiu sought the help of the KOC Council from the Prince of Peace Parish and the Philippino Council in Scarborough to help him in this pioneering work. It was thanks to efforts of the District Deputy Sid Borromeo (RIP) who effectively guide the members through process of establishing the Council at our Parish. In February 1989, St. Thomas the Apostle Council 10182 was granted a Charter by the Supreme Council.

Fr. Breen encouraged KOC to keep the parishioners involved in sustaining the communitarian spirit at the parish. Holding periodic breakfasts, dances and even several rounds of Bingo in the Church Hall were among the many activities that helped periodically to raise funds for priestly vocations by supporting St. Augustine's Seminary and At. Philip Neri's Scholasticate.

Keith Daunt volunteered to be the First Grand Knight and Alex Ho Shue as the Deputy Grand Knight for the next ten years. Following them, with their characteristic friendliness Andy Pucyk and Neil Ishmael took over the roles of Grand Knight and Deputy for a number of years. Of the twenty-eight active members then, nearly thirteen have gone to their Eternal reward.

Keeping the sacred vision of Fr. Basil Breen, at their National Conventions and in the Parish settings, KOC formally pledge their prayerful support and loyalty to the Bishops and clergy, underscoring their spiritual commitment to Church Leadership and Pastoral ministry. Their presence in our Parish is blessing to us all in every respect.

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan with Keith Daunt



Keith Daunt & Any Puck with other KOC