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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
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Parish part time staff: Maureen Daunt
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Geraldine Rocha

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 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.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

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

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict	905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier	905-470-2225
	www.ycdsb.ca

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
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Mass for the Intentions Week

- Monday July 14** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Melania Szeto
- Monday July 14** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Reggie Thambirajah
(Family)
- Tuesday July 15** 12:10 p.m.
+Anthony Albert
(Albert Family)
- Tuesday July 15** 7:00 p.m.
+Tony Pinto
(Family)
- Wednesday July 16** 12:10 p.m.
+Chit Szeto
(Patricia Chong)
- Wednesday July 16** 7:00 p.m.
+Bro. Michael Samuel
- Thursday July 17** 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Gene Chong
- Thursday July 17** 7:00 p.m.
+Josef Greif
(Family)
- Friday July 18** 12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Virginie, Jean-Philippe and
Selina Chan-Yan-Fong
(JP and Virginie Chan)
- Friday July 18** 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of
Virginia and JP Chan and Family
(Josephine Szeto)
- Saturday July 19** 9:00 a.m.
+Elsie Lin
(Family)
- Saturday July 19** 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of Conrado Dinglasan
(Allan Dinglasan)
- Sunday July 20** 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish
- Sunday July 20** 10:00 a.m.
+Deceased Members of the
McKenna Family
- Sunday July 20** 12:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the
Thomas and Johnson Families
(Daunt Family)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY JULY 13, 2025**

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Let us keep in our prayers: 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, Andy Pucyk, Mary Josephine Albert, Pat McKenna and Marc Courchene.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Let us remember in our prayers: Deacon John Schwarzbauer, Michael Joseph Mione, and those who have no one to pray for them.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's a Calling: Love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called 'priesthood', diaconate', or 'religious life'? Also other LAY ministries. **If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or a 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 offertory \$5,518.00 – PAG and Donate Now
\$1,448.67. Total \$6,966.67.***



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You help young parents raise their children with love and care.

[Rose of Sharon](#) is one of the agencies you support through [ShareLife](#). Your kindness ensures that young parents are equipped with the tools they need before and after childbirth to raise their children with love.

"Your generosity enables us to provide crucial resources; practical supports including food, baby formula, and clothing; guidance through our counsellors; and a supportive environment for these individuals during pivotal and challenging phase of their lives." – Deanne Kukulewich, Executive Director, Rose of Sharon. **We have collected \$88,494.82. Our goal is \$114,500.00.**

CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Please allow the priest time to prepare for Mass.

Saturday

8:45 a.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

There are no Confessions on Sundays.

UPDATED CONFESSION TIMES AT OUR PARISH (AS OF JULY 8, 2025)



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.

LIVE-STREAM MASS UPDATE

Our 10:00 a.m. Mass continues to be live-streamed.

For the time being,
there is no live-streaming of the weekday Masses.



LIVE-STREAM MASS UPDATES AT OUR PARISH

Pilgrim of Hope



Visit
The Holy Doors
Martyrs Shrine - Midland
Guided tour (if available) or self-guided tour

10:30 AM Mass Assumption of BVM
Stations of the Cross, Angelus @ Noon
Lunch - restaurant on site or bring your own



2:00 PM Departure for
shopping at
Tanger Outlets

5:00 pm arrival back at St. Thomas

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY JULY 13, 2025

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan.

As Jesus continues His journey to Jerusalem, He is met by a scholar of the law who wants to test Him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism and it was said twice a day in Jesus'

time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. It's narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead, he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descents of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of that first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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