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My Lord and My God

PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers	Father Joseph	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 MarySr.	Seth Bueler	905-474-9981	
Men's Group	Lloyd Mascarenhas	647-461-2464	+
Seniors	Les Rodrigues	905-479-6023	
Society of St. Vincent de Paul 905-474-1224 ext. 230			
Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee	416-873-2586	
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang	416-889-0183	

PARISH MUSICIANS Organists

Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

Pastor: **Retired priest in residence:** Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan

Parish part time staff:

Maureen Daunt Jackie Mackenzie Geraldine Rocha

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Sunday

Vigil 5:00 p.m. 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. 9:00 a.m. Saturday

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 St. Francis Xavier

905-475-9646 905-470-2225 www.ycdsb.ca

DAY CARE

416-298-2541

St. Mary of Leuca St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT

905-475-2536 905-475-2350

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday July 21 +Rosalia Cerniglia And deceased family members (Family) Monday July 21 Intentions of Pam Eisen

Tuesday July 22 +Eva Ho Koon (Family) Tuesday July 22 Maronite Mass

+John Chiu (Jefferson Tse)

Thursday July 2412:10 p.m.In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Josephine Szeto
(Pat Chong)

- Thursday July 247:00 p.m.Intentions of Merle Menezes
- Friday July 25
+Shui Chu Tse
(Jefferson Tse)12:10 p.m.Friday July 25
+Edward Ho7:00 p.m.

(Eda Ho)

Saturday July 26 +Ellen Yam (Maria and Rosa Lim) Saturday July 26 Special Intentions

Sunday July 278:00 a.m.For the People of the ParishSunday July 2710:00 a.m.+Elizabeth Chelliah(Albert Family)Sunday July 2712:00 p.m.Living and deceased Members of the
Vallejo and Ver Families

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY JULY 20, 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 Couts, 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, Dennis Remedios 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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about but only one thing that is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary, rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. 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



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.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO Pilgrim of THE SHRINE OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS Hope FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 Visit TIME & PICK UP LOCATION The Holy Doors 8:00 AM SHARP ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH Martyrs Shrine - Midland 14 HIGHGATE DR. MARKHAM, ON, L3R 3R6 Guided tour (if available) or self-guided tour 10:30 AM Mass Assumption of BVM TRANSPORTATION BY LUXURY COACH Stations of the Cross, Angelus @ Noon PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE Lunch - restaurant on site or bring your own EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL JULY 20, 2025, \$50.00 PP AFTER JULY 20, 2025, \$55.00 PP 2:00 PM Departure for shopping at **REGISTER AND E-TRANSFER** Tanger Outlets YOUR PAYMENT TO: fmartis51@gmail.com PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE FOR FURTHER DETAILS, TEXT OR CONTACT LES 905-479-6023 RUSSELL 647-898-6480 5:00 pm arrival back at St. Thomas JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS

FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 2025

The Luxury coach leaves St. Thomas the Apostle Parish at 8:00 a.m. sharp. \$55.00 PP Register and e-transfer your payment to <u>fmartis51@gmail.com</u>. *Payment is non-refundable*. Visit the Holy Doors. 10:30 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lunch – restaurant on site or bring your own. For further details, contact Les 905-479-6023 Russell 647-898-6480.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You ensure that everyone is seen and heard.

Too often, individuals feel like they are alone with their trauma. Unseen and unheard, this inner pain can develop into an addiction. When Shaun's mother passed away, he battled with alcohol, which led him down a destructive path. <u>ShareLife</u>-funded agencies like <u>Good Shepherd Ministries</u> and their <u>DARE</u> program provide a safe space to recover and a supportive community to lean on to avoid relapses. Shaun now stands as living proof that your kindness is a lifeline for people who need second chances. **We have collected \$89,999.82. Our goal is \$114,500.00.**



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation.

Pope Leo XIV

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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2025 will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 27, 2025**, close to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme is **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope."** (cf. Sirach 14:2). Let us take this opportunity to uplift grandparents and the elderly, cherishing them as blessings in our faith community! For creative tips and resources to help highlight the Day, visit www.cccb.ca.



Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses). We received offertory \$5,240.00 – PAG and Donate Now \$1,347.76 Total \$6,587.76.



MISSION APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF MARTHANDAM, INDIA WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEKEND (AUGUST 2/3, 2025)

The <u>Syro-Malankara Catholic Diocese of Marthandam</u>, located in southern India, serves over 34 million people across 21 districts of Tamil Nadu. Through committed missionary efforts, 76,000 people, mainly from poor and marginalized communities, have embraced the Catholic faith.

These new believers depend on the Church not only for spiritual guidance but also for support in education, health care, and social development. The Diocese has established 103 churches and mission stations, served by 90 priests, 250 religious sisters, and many lay missionaries. However, only half of these facilities are safe and functional. Many parishes struggle to meet even the basic needs of their clergy.

This year's Mission Preaching proceeds are dedicated to the following vital ministries: Empowerment of Widows and Women-Headed Families: Providing food, education, and housing to widowed mothers and their children. Care for the Abandoned and Elderly: Through Shalom Hom and Mercy Home, 60 residents receive shelter and medical care.

Evangelization and Mission Development: New church, catechism programs and outreach centres, a tuition centre, Health clinic and support for Seminarians. These future priests rely entirely on the Diocese for their formation.

Please give generously.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025 Gospel Reading – 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social

conventions of His time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fill the dual command which begins chapter 10 – love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of Life in the Kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

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ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Our annual Mass for the faithful departed will be celebrated on Wednesday August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. <u>Cemetery locations and celebrants</u> for this year's annual Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga	905-670-8801	Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham	905-471-0121	Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill	905-889-7467	Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto	416-483-4944	Most Reverend Robert Kasun
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge	905-851-5822	His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby	905-668-8912	Reverend Monsignor Edgar Pan
St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie	705-726-3931	Most Reverend John Corriveau



