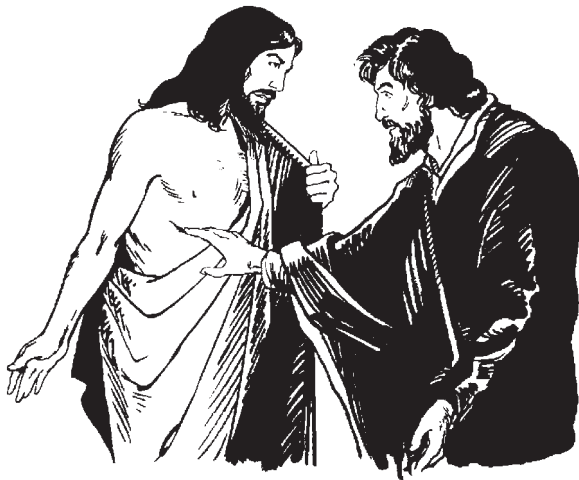


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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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
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	www.ycdsb.ca

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca	905-475-2536
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 24, 2025

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who are ailing: 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, Dennis Remedios, Even Lemanac, and Marc Courchene.

Remember our Departed Brothers and Sisters: Our departed family members, friends and relatives. We shall also remember to pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

Admission to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please ask for an application form from our Parish Office and hand in the completed form back to the Parish Office. RCIA sessions will begin in the first week of October.



Invitation to be at the Service of God in His Church

The future of our Parish relies on the active involvement of our ministries' volunteers. You are earnestly encouraged to join one or more ministries as Alter Servers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion or Ushers and Greeters. Application forms are available at the [Parish Office](#).

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	August 25	12:10 pm	Intentions of Brendan D'Souza (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Augustine Jeyanathan (Albert Family)
Tuesday	August 26	12:10 pm	+Derrick Lee Deceased Family Members (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)
Wednesday	August 27	12:10 pm	+Kazimierz Starkiewicz (Family)
		7:00 pm	Intentions of Rita Manjsonian
Thursday	August 28	12:10 pm	Intentions for Cecile Isaac-Garel (Father Allyn Rose)
		7:00 pm	+John Miszut
Friday	August 29	12:10 pm	Living and deceased Members of the Dube and Demers Families
		7:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory (Maria Lim)
Saturday	August 30	9:00 am	+Ellen Yam (Ver Family)
		5:00 pm	+Maisie, Charles and Trevor Daunt (Family)
Sunday	August 31	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
		10:00 am	Intentions of Heather Ogilvie
		12:00 pm	For our Parish Community

OFFERTORY TO YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your contribution of **\$4,995.00** for this week to your Parish. With PAG and Donate Now we have a Total of **\$6,598.15**. Our weekly goal is **\$7,500.00**.



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

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Older Adults Sharing in Service

Lunch and Learn

Euthanasia

Learn the facts, the process & the moral implications

presenters:

Dr. Nisha Fernandes

Internal Medicine
Markham Stouffville Hospital

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan

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Tuesday September 9th, 2025

12:30-3:00 p.m. (following the 12:10 pm mass)

Light lunch provided - Donations appreciated

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Lunch and Learn Session organized by Older Adults Sharing in Service (OASIS)

will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday, September 9th after the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Presentations on **EUTHANASIA** and its Medico-Moral Implications will be given by Dr. Nisha Fernandes and our Pastor, Fr. Dr. Joseph Chandrakanthan. **Light Lunch is provided – Donations appreciated. REGISTRATION REQUIRED**. Please email or call: oasis.st@outlook.com Francis: 416-648-4097, Les: 905-479-6023, or Russell: 647-898-6480.



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

The Pilgrimage left in a luxury coach bus from our parish at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. The Pilgrimage included a visit to the Holy Doors at the Shrine as well as 10:30 am Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and lunch at a restaurant on site (or people brought their own lunch). There was also shopping at Tanger Outlets before everyone returned back to the church sometime after 5:00 p.m. that same evening. ***Photo Credits: Bibi Philips and Russell Mustachi.***

- [Link to Facebook Canadian Martyrs Shrine Pilgrimage Friday August 15, 2025 Photos](#)
- [Link to post on our parish website](#)



Divine Call to Serve God's People

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. You may be one of them. **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



St. Thomas the Apostle Assumption Procession August 15, 2025 Photos/Video Links

On August 15th at 6:30 p.m. (before the 7:00 p.m. Mass), there was be a procession in honour of the Assumption of Our Lady in the nearby neighborhood, with the participants saying the Rosary while in the procession. **Photos and video credits: Michael Reyes** michaelreyes.com

- [Link to Assumption Procession - August 15, 2024 Facebook album](#)
- [Link to Google Photos August 15 2025 - St Thomas the Apostle • Assumption Procession Album](#)
- [Link to August 15 2025 - St Thomas the Apostle Parish • The Assumption of our Blessed Mother Procession YouTube video](#)
- [Link to post on our parish website](#)



COME AND SEE Discernment Weekend Retreat – [Augustine's Seminary](#)

Weekend Retreats for young men who may be discerning a Call to the Priesthood.

These weekends are a prayerful and supportive environment for young men who are 18+ to reflect, hear vocation stories from our seminarians and engage in meaningful conversation with seminarians and priests as well as partaking in social gatherings. **The dates are: October 31 – November 2, 2025, and February 27 to March 1, 2026.**



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

Gospel Reading – Luke 13:22-30.

People will come from North and South, East and West, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making His way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as He goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and He locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say He doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say He does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of the Lord providing a Feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on His Holy Mountain. In the end, many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is prophetic warning to repentance to enter the Kingdom.

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