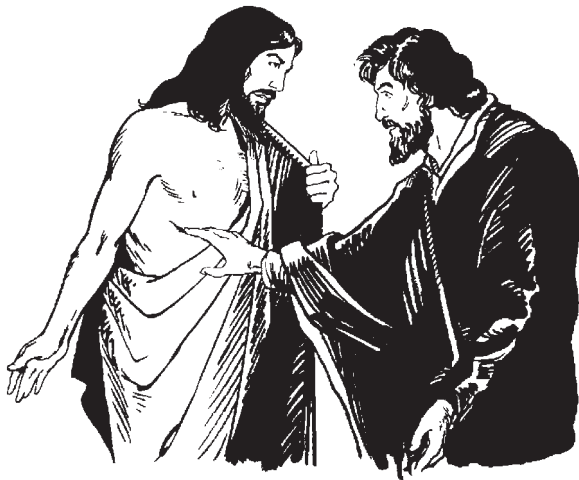


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*My Lord and My God*

## 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 Mary Sr.	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	416-298-2541
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**Pastor:** Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan  
**Retired priest in residence:** Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

**Parish part time staff:** Maureen Daunt  
Jackie Mackenzie  
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
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT	905-475-2350

## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 7, 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, and Even Lemanac.

**Remember our Departed Brothers and Sisters:** Marc Courchene, and for 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.

### Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Monday	September 8	12:10 pm	+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo Living Members of the Lobo Family
		7:00 pm	+Edilberto Dela Cruz
Tuesday	September 9	12:10 pm	+Joe and Esmie Braganza (Family)
		7:00 pm	Spiritual wellbeing of Ally Jez (Agatha Chan)
Wednesday	September 10	12:10 pm	Intentions of Melania Szeto
		7:00 pm	+Ferdinand Moo Choy (Family)
Thursday	September 11	12:10 pm	+Dominic Ferri (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Dominic Ferri (Family)
Friday	September 12	12:10 pm	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Pat Stuart
		7:00 pm	+Ciriaco Bulaon (Tiongson Family)
Saturday	September 13	9:00 am	Intentions of Brendan D'Souza (Family)
		5:00 pm	+Kingsley George (Family)
Sunday	September 14	8:00 am	+William Lapan, Sr. (Family)
		10:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		12:00 pm	+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza (Family)

### **OFFERTORY TO YOUR PARISH**

We thank you for your contribution for this week to your Parish.

With PAG and Donate Now we have a Total of **\$7,142.00** Our weekly goal is **\$7,500.00**.

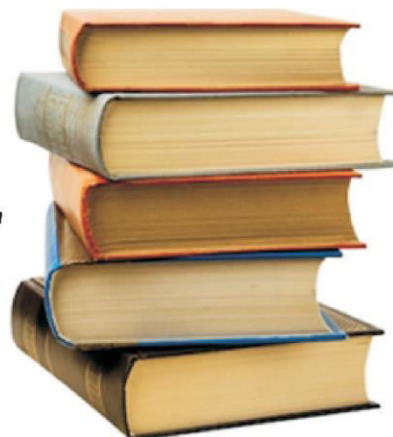


### **COME AND SEE Discernment Weekend Retreat – Augustine's Seminary**

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 ages 18+ to reflect, hear vocation stores from our seminaries and engage in meaningful conversation with seminarians and priests as well as partaking in social gatherings. The dates are [October 31 – November 2, 2025](https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee), and February 27 to March 1, 2026.



**The Legion of Mary  
is having a  
“BOOK BARROW”  
On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
after all Masses**



**Members of the Legion of Mary will  
be available in the foyer of the  
church after the Mass to assist you  
with your choice of book(s)**

**LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW  
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 13/14, 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.



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:25-33*

### *Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship*

Luke recalls to us in this week's Gospel message that Jesus spoke to the people gathered around the table about the demands of following Him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch Him doing something wrong.

Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the Kingdom of His Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table reject the invitation. So, Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship.

Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, He is not talking about feelings. Rather, He is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else – family, money, your own life – must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross.

These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point – don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

(Courtesy: [Loyola Press](#))



### **Divine Call to Serve God's People**

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? **If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



# Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Food Drive

help provide meals for homeless and at-risk individuals in our community

## What are the most needed items?

- tuna & canned meat
- canned tomatoes
- tomato sauce
- beans & chickpeas
- soup & stews
- canned corn & vegetables
- breakfast cereals
- granola bars
- jams
- mayonnaise
- mustard
- peanut butter
- tea bags & coffee
- bagged rice

# Food Drive

thank *you* for your donation

### **Good Shepherd Ministries**

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

### **Most needed items**

Tuna and Canned Meat; Coffee and Tea Bags; Soups and Stews; Condiments (e.g. Soy Sauce, Barbecue Sauce, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Jams); Beans & Chickpeas; Canned Tomatoes; Corn and Vegetables; Pasta Sauce; Sugar, Salt, Pepper, and Spices; Salad Dressing; Cooking Oil; Pancake Mix; Bagged Rice; Mini-Sized Juice Boxes; Granola Bars and Packaged Snacks. [Thank you for your support!](#)





### **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](#).



### **Welcome to our Newly Baptized Members**

St. Thomas parish is delighted to welcome 8 new baby members who were Baptized at our Church in the month of August: **Michela, Adelia Francisca, Savy'on Jeremiah, Marilyn, Athena, Gabriel Ryan, Grayson Rhys, and Maayin.** We pray for them, their parents and godparents.

# OASIS

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**

PhD (Ottawa) ThD St. Paul

**Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Light lunch provided - Donations appreciated

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## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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### **Lunch and Learn Session organized by Older Adults Sharing in Service**

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 welcome** Please email or call: [oasis.st@outlook.com](mailto:oasis.st@outlook.com) Francis 416-648-4097 Les: 905-479-6023 Russell: 647-898-6480.



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