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My Lord and My God

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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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14, 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: Catherine “Cathy” Le Blanc, 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 Week

Monday	September 15	12:10 pm	+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo Living Members of the Lobo Family
		7:00 pm	+Tony Pinto (Family)
Tuesday	September 16	12:10 pm	+Anna Choong and Lim Seok Chew (Cheng Family)
		7:00 pm	+Catherine Georges (Family)
Wednesday	September 17	12:10 pm	Intentions of the Genco Family (Genco Family)
		7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for the People of the Parish
Thursday	September 18	12:10 pm	Intentions of Cecile Isaacs-Garel (Father Allyn Rose)
		7:00 pm	+Wilfred Perera and William Perera (Family)
Friday	September 19	12:10 pm	+Alvin Smith (Jackie Mackenzie)
		7:00 pm	+Catherine Georges (Family)
Saturday	September 20	9:00 am	+Agripina Aldana Frialde
		5:00 pm	+Lawrence Cheng (Cheng Family)
Sunday	September 21	8:00 am	Intentions of Jean and Andy Pucyk
		10:00 am	+John Garel (Family)
		12:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

OFFERTORY TO YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your generosity in helping your parish this week.
With PAG and Donate Now the Total is \$8,007.00.



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](#).

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!](#)



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The [KOC](#) continue to fundraise by collecting **EMPTYES**, 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.



***The Legion of Mary
is having a
“BOOK BARROW”
On Saturday, September 13th
and
Sunday, September 14th
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**



Divine Call to Serve God's People

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. **If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: Gospel Reflections for this Sunday

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

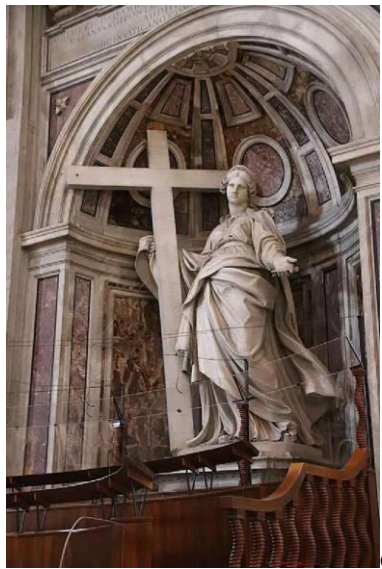
As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

According to Evangelist John in his Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as His resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For Him, the Cross is a sign of Exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The Eternal Life offered to us by God through Jesus is not merely a life without end, but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept Him. Those who accept Him have Eternal Life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject Him don't.

(Courtesy: [Loyola Press](#))



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Following the discovery of the True Cross, Mount Calvary, and Christ's tomb, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church to encompass these sites and house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected and dedicated on September 13, 335. As the legend goes, the following day, Christ's Cross was brought outside the newly built church for the faithful to venerate. Thus, the first showing, or Exaltation of the Holy Cross, might have occurred on September 14, 335.

(Source: [My Catholic Life](#))



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOP TALK ON EUTHANASIA, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 PHOTOS/VIDEO LINKS

On **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, there was a Lunch and Learn workshop held in our Parish Church Hall after the 12:10 pm Mass. The speakers were **Dr. Nisha Fernandes** and our Pastor, **Fr. Dr. Joseph Chandrakanthan** and the topic was "**EUTHANASIA and its Medico-Moral Implications**". A light lunch followed the presentations. ***Video and photo credits: Michael Reyes michaelreyes.com***

- [Link to Google Photos September 9 2025 - St Thomas the Apostle Parish - Talk on Euthanasia](#)
- [Link to September 9 2025 - St Thomas the Apostle Parish - Talk on Euthanasia YouTube video](#)
- [Link to post of OASIS Lunch and Learn speakers schedule on our parish website](#)
- [Link to post of photos/video links of talk on our parish website](#)
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