

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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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
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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

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Dennis Remedios, and Eva Lemanac.

**In Memoriam - Our Departed Sisters & Brothers:** Patricia McKenna, and all 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 contact the Parish Office. Last day for the submission of applications is September 26, 2025. RCIA instruction sessions will begin on Thursday October 9, 2025.

### Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	September 22	12:10 pm	+Stephen and Patsy Wong (Margaret Tse)
		7:00 pm	+Era Ho Koon (Family)
Tuesday	September 23	12:10 pm	Intentions of Agnes and Richard Lai-Cheong and Family
		7:00 pm	+Humphrey Ho-Koon
Wednesday	September 24	12:10 pm	+Margaret Georges (Family)
		7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for the People of the Parish
Thursday	September 25	12:10 pm	+Marie Smith (Jackie Mackenzie)
		7:00 pm	+Jerry Fernandez (Lalit and Jasmin Logo)
Friday	September 26	12:10 pm	Intentions of Noah and Owen Dinglasan-Panlilio (Allan Dinglasan)
		7:00 pm	+Bert Chichioco (Cely and Family)
Saturday	September 27	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Boris and Marietta D'Souza on their 55th Wedding Anniversary
		5:00 pm	+Leonard Georges (Family)
Sunday	September 28	8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		10:00 am	+Lourdes Benedict, Milaka Manohearan, Benedict Vastampilli (Benedict Family)
		12:00 pm	+Michael Haga and Theresia Haga (Greif Family)

### OFFERTORY TO YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.  
With PAG and Donate Now, the Total for last week is \$6,490.00.



### Thank you for Heeding God's Call to Serve your Parish Community

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



### **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](#), and February 27 to March 1, 2026.



### **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.



### **A Personal Call to Serve God and His People**

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, 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 helping your sisters and brothers in need.](#)

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(Any Condition)

**All Footwear**

(Any Condition)

**Bedding**

(Any Condition)

**Drapery/Towels**

**Toys**

(New only)

## Don't Accept

Please we do not accept the following :

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(Cribs, Car seats, strollers, or any other baby furniture )

**Construction Material**

(Any Condition)

**Dishes**

(Any Kind)

**Furniture**

(Any Kind)

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**Bundle Up Weekend October 11 - 12, 2025**



# STOPS & SONGS

Sunday, September 28, 2025 | 2:30 PM  
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## **Special Presentation by St. Michael's Choir School**

Featuring the distinguished faculty of [St. Michael's Choir School](https://smcs.on.ca) on [Sunday September 28](https://smcs.on.ca) – 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.



## **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gospel Reflections**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13**

***Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence.***

***One cannot serve both God and Mammon.***

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is in this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells His listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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