

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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*My Lord and My God*

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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  
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## DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536  
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 28, 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:** Father Christy Joachim Pillai, Pat McKenna, Sebastiana Moncada, Gregory Neuman, and for all our departed family members, friends and relatives. We shall also remember to pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

### Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday	September 29	12:10 pm	Intentions of Crystal McTaggart (Jackie Mackenzie)
		7:00 pm	Intentions of Ryan Leitch (Allan Dinglasan)
Tuesday	September 30	12:10 pm	Intentions of Kaylee, Mackenzie and Stefane (Atkins Family)
		7:00 pm	+Alfred Moo Choy (Family)
Wednesday	October 1	12:10 pm	Intentions of Corazon and William Lee Ah-Chong and Jacqueline and Alan Lee Ah-Chong (JP and Virginie Chan)
		7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for the People of the Parish
Thursday	October 2	12:10 pm	+Mary Anne Jose (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Baby Brandon Lee and deceased Family Members (Family)
Friday	October 3	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory (Maria Lim)
		7:00 pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	October 4	9:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their Living and Deceased Families (Jackie Mackenzie)
		5:00 pm	Intentions of Georgina Jose (Family)
Sunday	October 5	8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		10:00 am	Birthday Blessings for Tina Nicholas
		12:00 pm	+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza (Family)

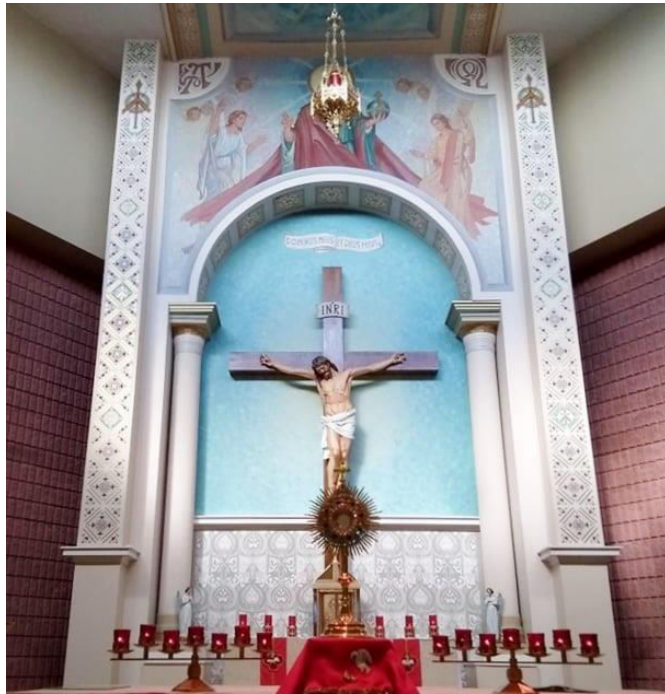
### OFFERTORY TO YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.  
With PAG and Donate Now, the Total for last week is **\$6,515.00**.



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



### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

On First Friday October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. A priest will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time, on request.



### **A THANK YOU NOTE FROM BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM**

[Bishop Daniel Miehm](#), Co-Chair of the Hindu-Catholic Dialogue Commission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops expressed his gratitude to our Pastor Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan a longtime member of the Dialogue Commission and all the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Markham for hosting their Meeting on Saturday September 13, 2025 in our Parish Hall. Ten parishioners from the various parish ministries took part as observers at some of the session at this meeting which was also graced by the presence of the Daughters of St. Mary Leuca nuns of our Parish.



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

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to “run the race” as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. **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)



### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31**

***Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.***

A recurrent theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of Christian discipleship. Through the parable in today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us a contrast of the life of a rich man and the Lazarus an ailing poor man, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven, the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke’s Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus’ response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke’s Gospel as “loving money.” ***(Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during and after Jesus’ lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus’ and the early Church’s concerns about the law.)*** Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrated the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

***(Courtesy: [Loyola Press](http://Loyola Press))***

# 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.](#)



OASIS ST. PRESENTS

# FALL HIKE

**Morningside Park,**  
390 Morningside Ave. just  
south of Ellesmere.

**Thursday, October 9th**  
**10:00 am**

**PLEASE MEET IN THE  
PARKING LOT**

**See the fall colours and walk along  
Highland creek to watch the salmon run!**

For more information, contact:  
Francis - [Oasis.st@outlook.com](mailto:Oasis.st@outlook.com)  
Les - 905.479.6023  
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**OASIS ST. PRESENTS FALL HIKE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2025**

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Older Adults Sharing in Service

## **Lunch and Learn**

# **The Catholic Church Today**

Addressing challenges such as persecution, wars, environmental issues, human rights abuses, declining numbers, vocations, secularization, contemporary social issues.

**Presented by:**

**Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan**

PhD (Ottawa) ThD St. Paul

**Tuesday October 14th, 2025**

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

**Light Lunch Provided. Donations Appreciated.**

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**OASIS LUNCH AND LEARN: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TODAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2025**



## Lunch and Learn

### The Catholic Faith Explained

The Holy Bible, Traditions  
and the Magisterium.  
Five basic beliefs and The four pillars.

Presented by

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NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025**



## OCTOBER 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



## 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.

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