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*My Lord and My God*

## PARISH GROUPS

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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  
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## DAY CARE

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

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 5, 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, Eva Lemanac and Conrad Poon.

**In Memoriam - Our Departed Sisters & Brothers:** Father Briant William Cullinane, Jane Lee 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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	October 6	12:10 pm	+Hing Lan Maria Leung (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Delio and Antonietta Jacobelli (Family)
Tuesday	October 7	12:10 pm	+Glenda Lobo and Vivian Lobo Living members of the Lobo Family
		7:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	October 8	12:10 pm	+Eppie Villena (Ver Family)
		7:00 pm	Thanksgiving to People of the Parish
Thursday	October 9	12:10 pm	+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)
		7:00 pm	+Veronica Remedios (Lobo Family)
Friday	October 10	12:10 pm	Intentions of the pilgrimage of Hope (Bernardine Cheung)
		7:00 pm	+Al Jacob (Clothilda)
Saturday	October 11	9:00 am	+Edilberto Dela Cruz (Family)
		5:00 pm	+Patricia Rodrigues + Sean Goveas and the deceased members of the Rodrigues Family
Sunday	October 12	8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		10:00 am	+Rosalina Ato and Rodolfo Asilador (JP and Virginie Chan)
		12:00 pm	+Tina Carrubba

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.  
With PAG and Donate Now, the Total for last week is \$7,241.00.



### **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.



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

“Increase our faith.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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



### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10***

***Jesus teaches the Apostles the importance of faith and service to God.***

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and His followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to His disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves servants to God and His plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us – nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as His servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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



### **Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

**On the weekend of October 11-12**, we will welcome our special guest Paul from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca).



### **Excerpts from the [Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 5 October 2025](#) His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

"Our Jubilee Year which stretches from Christmas Eve 2024 to Epiphany 2026, invites us to walk as "Pilgrims of Hope". Pilgrimage is a spiritual motif that is deeply resonant with the migrant experience. Just as the people of Israel journeyed toward the Promised Land, and the Church herself is ever on pilgrimage toward her heavenly homeland, so too the migrant embodies the pilgrim condition of all humanity who travels with God's assistance (cf. Ex 13:21-22; Duet 8:2). In this sense, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is not a side event but a Jubilee within the Jubilee. It calls the Church to recognize migrants as a mirror of her own identity as a pilgrim community. The struggles and hopes of migrants and refugees are not foreign to us but rather, are part of our shared story of salvation. As missionaries of hope, they call the Church and the world to deep renewal: to see beyond fear, to welcome the stranger, and to build communities rooted in faith and fraternity".



# 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**  
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.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church**

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#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please email or call: [oasis.st@outlook.com](mailto:oasis.st@outlook.com)

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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, October 14th** after the 12:10 p.m. Mass. TOPIC: **Challenges Faced by the Catholic Church Today: Persecution of Christians, wars, environmental issues, human rights abuses, declining numbers, vocations, secularization, contemporary social issues.** Presented by our Pastor, Father Dr. Joseph Chandrakanthan *PhD (Ottawa) ThD (St. Paul)*. Light Lunch his provided – Donations welcome Please email or call: [oasis.st@outlook.com](mailto:oasis.st@outlook.com) Francis: 416-648-4097, Les: 905-479-6023, and Russell: 647-898-6480.



# **GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES**

## **PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM**

On behalf of Good Shepherd Ministries, we thank you very much for your continued support in feeding our needy in the downtown area. We succeed because of you!

We thank God for the grace He gives to each and every one – ZEAL FOR THE POOR!!!

Please have your food donations brought to St. Thomas the Apostle Church on the WEEKENDS of:

<b>2025</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>18 / 19</b>
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>15 / 16</b>
	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>15 / 16</b>
	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>12 / 13</b>
	<b>MAY</b>	<b>17 / 18</b>
	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>14 / 15</b>
	<b>JULY</b>	<b>12 / 13</b>
	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>16 / 17</b>
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>13 / 14</b>
	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>18 / 19</b>
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>15 / 16</b>
	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>13 / 14</b>

For enquiries, please contact Juliette Huang at (416) 302-1823.

**GOD BLESS!!**

**Next Shepherd's Pie Meal-A-Month Casserole pick-up is the weekend of October 18/19, 2025**

- [For more information, click on this link on our parish website](#)

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