

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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“my Lord and my God” Jn. 20:28

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday : 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10:00 am. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays with evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.

CONFESSIONS

20 Minutes before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

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

In the case of serious illness, families are requested to notify the Parish Office to arrange the Anointing of the Sick.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

DAY CARE

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 18 **12:10 p.m.**

+Reverend J. Basil Breen
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Monday May 18

Holiday – No Evening Mass

Tuesday May 19 **12:10 p.m.**

+Alex Chiu
(Family)

Tuesday May 19 **7:00 p.m.**

+Pete Fernandes
(Pat Chong)

Wednesday May 20 **12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Rafael Frias
(Family)

Wednesday May 20 **7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Sandra Almeida
(Brendan and Sisters)

Thursday May 21 **12:10 p.m.**

Intentions of Bill Castleford
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Thursday May 21 **7:00 p.m.**

+Natalie Quadarella
(Family)

Friday May 22 **12:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Bhanumathy and Keerthi
(Family)

Friday May 22 **7:00 p.m.**

Intentions of Gloria Blanco
(Pat Chong)

Saturday May 23 **9:00 a.m.**

+Rolly Papa
(Family)

Saturday May 13 **5:00 a.m.**

+Gorgonia Garcia and Glenn Guillem
(Garcia and Guillem Families)

Sunday May 24 **8:00 a.m.**

For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 24 **10:00 a.m.**

Intentions of Adelia Francisca Gerald

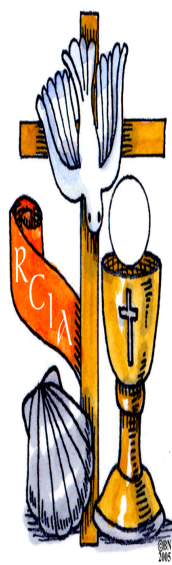
Sunday May 24 **12:00 p.m.**

+Loretta D'Sylva
(Family)



“Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

— *Gospel of John 17:1-3*



Parish Welcome to our New Catholics (RCIA)

We shall officially welcome our new Catholic members who joined our parish community of St. Thomas the Apostle Church having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation on April 4, 2026, Easter Saturday Vigil Service. We will have a Special welcome service at the Holy Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday May 24 at 12:00 noon

Their Catechists and Teachers feel truly thrilled to have had the opportunity to walk with them on this journey of faith. Now guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us wish and pray that the life of our new Catholics is filled with joy and peace.

A small reception will also be held after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday May 24th organized by the RCIA team.



MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

May 15th – May 21st

For,

**Cheryl Gomez,
Frank Gomez,
Dane Gomez,
Carlisle Antonio,
Lucy Antonio,
Richard Antonio**

Requested by Dane Gomez

Let us Remember

Remember to pray for the repose of the soul of **Pete Fernandes, former Custodian of our Parish Church**. Also we Pray for Rev. J. Kuriedath & Maria Nayagam Nallaia. RIP

Let us pray for the sick & those in care homes or hospitals.

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta, Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian & Jackie Mackenzie.

May 17, 2026

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

BAKE SALE BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY



St. Thomas Youth Group is excited and enthusiastic about their First debut in our parish with their Spring Bake sale on 23rd and 24th of May. Beginning with their first meeting in mid- March 2026 they have grown steadily and have a membership of nearly twenty committed youth. They ventured into organizing very successfully the Coffee and cake socials after Sunday Masses calling it with the Biblical word **KOINONIA** (being Together).

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL WILL BE VISITING OUR PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30 & 31.



Meet the sisters before and after all Masses as they share their mission and offer a selection of Catholic books and faith resources.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



The Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua will be celebrated on Friday, June 13. A special three-day Novena in honor of St. Anthony will take place from June 10–12 during the 7:00 p.m. Mass each evening, praying for healing, special intentions, and his intercession. A Solemn Feast Mass will be celebrated on June 13 at 7:00 p.m. All are Welcome

THE BEATIFICATION OF FRIAR PEDRO DE CORPA & HIS COMPANIONS

Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will represent the Holy Father as the Papal Legate (official representative of Pope Leo XIV) at the upcoming beatification that will take place on October 31, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia in the USA.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS JOIN US FOR COFFEE & COOKIES



We warmly invite all parishioners & visitors to join us for our **Parish Koinonia** every Sunday after 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Mass in the Main Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

Let Us Pray for our Maronite Catholics

Every Sunday afternoon, the Maronite Catholics celebrate the Holy Eucharist in their rite at our St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Markham. We hear almost every day about their brothers and sisters in Lebanon subjected to death and destruction in the ongoing war. Let us pray for them at this time of their pain and grief. Last month, Pope Leo recalled that Father El-Rahi, a Maronite parish priest, was killed in Qlayaa, southern Lebanon, as he sought to assist parishioners whose houses had been fired upon by an Israeli tank, according to Lebanese media reports. Maronite Catholics are the largest Christian group in Lebanon, and the Lebanese president is always a Maronite, in accordance with the country's power-sharing arrangement.

It is reported that Israeli military actions in southern Lebanon have caused fear and anxiety in the hearts of the Christian faithful when they see images of the demolition of Maronite churches and convents in the border village of Yaroun. "A nun who spent time at the convent told an Associated Press reporter that the Israeli military had bulldozed the convent. The convent demolition also came days after images of an Israeli soldier wielding an axe against a fallen statue of Jesus on the cross in the village of Debel. This desecration, along with another incident, where social media showed another soldier in occupied Lebanon placing a cigarette in the mouth of a statue of the Virgin Mary, sparked widespread condemnation." These offensive acts cause deep pain among people of all faiths who seek peace among all religions.

"As a deeply personal act of pastoral care, the late Pope Francis telephoned the parish priest in Gaza almost every evening during Israel's attacks on the Palestinian enclave. In November 2025, Pope Leo flew to Lebanon from Turkey on his first trip abroad. The Pope recently revealed that he carries a photo of a young Lebanese Muslim boy who had held up a sign welcoming Pope Leo to Lebanon. The boy was killed during Israel's military activities in southern Lebanon. The Pope said, "Pray with me so that peace prevails. God willing, peace is near." (Courtesy: Associated Press)

Let us pray for the people of Lebanon in solidarity with our Maronite brothers and sisters of our parish.

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor