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Youth Ministry	Elijah Espeza
Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler
Legion of Mary Jr.	Winnie Thien
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Liturgical Music	Christopher/Kevin Ku
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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Parish Manager: Jackie Mackenzie
Parish Staff: Maureen Daunt
Geraldine Rocha
Retired Priest in Residence: Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday February 9	12:10 p.m.
+Maria, Anthony Philip and Florie Anna D'Souza (Virginie Chan)	
Monday February 9	7:00 p.m.
+Claude and Gwen Valladares (Coutinho Family)	
Tuesday February 10	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Teresa Dadula	
Tuesday February 10	7:00 p.m.
+Rosita Maria D'Costa (Family)	
Wednesday February 11	12:10 p.m.
+Sophie Franco (Suna)	
Wednesday February 11	7:00 p.m.
+Edmund Manasan (Manasan Family)	
Thursday February 12	12:10 p.m.
+Sophie Franco (Sunu)	
Thursday February 12	7:00 p.m.
+Mary Holland	
Friday February 13	12:10 p.m.
+Smith Mackenzie (Jackie Mackenzie)	
Friday February 13	7:00 p.m.
+Agatha Moo Choy (Family)	
Saturday February 14	9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Kristina Yap (Family)	
Saturday February 14	5:00 p.m.
+Bernadette and Eugene Lai-Cheong (JP and Virginie Chan)	
Sunday February 15	8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday February 15	10:00 a.m.
+Filomena Tavares (Family)	
Sunday February 15	12:00 p.m.
+Tony Pinto (Family)	



*Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel
basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."*

- Matthew 5:13 - 16

Memorial Lamp Intentions for this Week



Feb 6th – Feb 12th

**For the intentions of,
Joseph & Cecilia Wang,
Mary Wang & Matthew Chen,
John Cao,
Yuping & Bi Ying Wang,
All Children of Wang Family,
Mary Weng**

Requested by
Bi Ying Wang

In Memoriam:

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who
have no one to pray for them.

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

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

February 8, 2026

AT OUR PARISH

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18, 2026



Ashes will be Blessed and distributed at the
12:10 noon Mass & 7:00 pm Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST
& ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.



PANCAKE SUNDAY
February 15, 2026

The weekend before Shrove Tuesday, the annual Pancake Breakfast will be held after all Sunday Masses in the Parish Hall. Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship.

Cost: \$5 (3 pancakes & 2 sausages) | Junior combo \$3 (2 pancakes & 1 sausage)



YOUTH & YOUNG
ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP
(AGES 16–26)

Youth and young adults aged 16–26 are invited to join our monthly fellowship to connect, build friendships, and grow in faith through food, games, and open conversation. Sign up at the back of the church after Sunday Mass to share your contact information and availability.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY



Marriage Sunday celebrates the Sacrament of Marriage and honors couples whose faithful witness strengthens our Church community.

A special Mass will be celebrated **Sunday, February 8 at 2:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**, presided over by **Bishop John Boissonneau**. Couples celebrating **25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversaries** will be recognized. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

First Mass on Cement Floor with Metal Chairs

As construction progressed, the Steering Committee met frequently, beginning in February 1985, to assess the work and review developments in consultation with the architect who had originally been engaged to study the feasibility of building the church on a single acre of land. To the satisfaction and joy of all involved, the architect's vision for the property and the church gradually unfolded and was brought to a most fruitful realization. Construction commenced on July 17, 1985, under the direction of Mr. Vince Citriniti of A.M. Citriniti Co. Ltd. The work advanced steadily, enabling the priests and parishioners to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost from May 22–25, 1986, within the new church building. Parishioners vividly recalled the setting of the first Mass as both austere and joyful: cement floors instead of carpet, metal chairs rather than pews. Yet, despite these simple surroundings, there was a profound sense of happiness and fulfillment among those who gathered to adore God Almighty in the sacred space of His house. Following the 12:00 noon Mass, the joy of the occasion was further enhanced by the parish's first social gathering—a reception held in the small hall, as the larger hall was still under construction. Mr. Tino Sidoti, who now serves our Parish Community as a friendly and faithful Senior Usher, fondly journeyed back in memory to 1986, recalling his first months in Markham. That year, Tino and his wife Mary, together with their young children, settled near the newly established parish. Tino reminisced about the founding of the Knights of Columbus in the parish in 1987, while Mary recalled the 7:00 p.m. Italian Mass celebrated each Sunday at the convent. Both spoke warmly of the availability, simplicity, and welcoming spirit of Fr. Basil Breen, who as pastor, greeted them with genuine cheer and pastoral kindness.

To be continued

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor



Some members of lady's guild with Fr. Basil Breen



A few members of Knights of Columbus with Mr. Tino Sidoti