

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
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RCIA & Catechesis	Deacon Terence Rebello
Youth Ministry	Elijah Espela
Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler
Legion of Mary Jr.	Winnie Thien
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee
Liturgical Music	Christopher/Kevin Ku
Grand Cantor	Ryan Wong
St. Vincent De Paul	905 474 1224 ext. 230

## SOCIO-SPIRITUAL SUPPORT & SERVICES

Men's Group:  
First Saturday Mornings After 9:00pm Mass  
OASIS Seniors' Meetings:  
Every Tuesday after 12:10 Mass in the Parish Hall  
Confraternity of Mothers And Sisters (CMAS):  
First Friday after 12:10 Mass

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
<b>Parish Manager:</b>	Jackie Mackenzie
<b>Parish Staff:</b>	Maureen Daunt Geraldine Rocha
<b>Retired Priest in Residence:</b>	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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Vigil 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon</b>

## 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 OF LENT

### Mass for the Intentions Week

<b>Monday March 23</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Claude and Gwen Valladares (Coutinho Family)	
<b>Monday March 23</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Linda Courchene	
<b>Tuesday March 24</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
Ruth Pullen and Lawrence Pullen Jr. (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Tuesday March 24</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Gillian Castleford	
<b>Wednesday March 25</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Allan Dinglasan	
<b>Wednesday March 25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Marie and Alvin Smith	
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Poerwanto Soesatyo (Maria Lim)	
<b>Thursday March 26</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Bob Hustins	
<b>Friday March 27</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Loretta D'Sylva (Family)	
<b>Friday March 27</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Mass for Healing	
<b>Saturday March 28</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
In Memory of Mary Josephine Albert (Knights of Columbus)	
<b>Saturday March 28</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
+Tony Pinto (Family)	
<b>Sunday March 29</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday March 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
+Richard Tavares (Chung Family)	
<b>Sunday March 29</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
For the Sisters (Deacon Everis Munroe)	



### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lord, You are the light that leads us to new life. Open our hearts to receive Your mercy, fill us with repentance and hope, and strengthen us as we continue our journey toward the joy of Easter. Amen.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon**



**HOLY THURSDAY – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Confessions 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00 pm**  
*(Adoration Until Midnight)*



**GOOD FRIDAY- April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Confessions from 9:30 am-10:50am*  
**Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am**  
**The Lord's Passion at 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm**  
**Stations of Cross at 7:00 pm**



**HOLY SATURDAY – April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am**  
**Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm**



**EASTER SUNDAY – April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon**  
**Divine Mercy Novena at 11:00 am**

### MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**



**For the Intentions of the  
Family of Thomas Alex (Mahora)**

**Requested by,  
Thomas Alex (Mahora)**

#### *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, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta, Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian & Pete Fernandes.

March 22, 2026

## OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

### MASS FOR HEALING OF THE SICK MASS *From Our Pastor ...*



A special Mass for Healing of the Sick will be held at our parish on **Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to attend and seek the Lord's blessing and healing for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. All are welcome.

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join our parish community in praying the Way of the Cross during the Season of Lent.

**Every Friday at our Church,  
After the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

### 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 Mass in the Main Hall.

### MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> - HOLYLAND COLLECTION

The Holy Land Collection will be taken up on Good Friday. Your generous support helps sustain the Christian communities and sacred sites in the Holy Land.

### DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT WITH SAINTS



Join us at our Parish Hall for a special "Dinner & A Movie with the Saints," featuring the inspiring film *Saint Peter*, on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the movie—an evening of faith and fellowship you won't want to miss. Organized by the Men's Group of our Parish.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

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

### Season of Lent:

#### **Another Opportunity to Rebuild Communion – Archbishop Francis Card. Leo**

For the past few weeks, in my messages, in this column, I wrote about the first five foundational years (1981-86) of our Parish Church as the "Body of Christ" under the gracious and charismatic leadership of our beloved Pastor Fr. Basil J. Breen. **For this week, I wish to re-emphasize and echo the same theme, quoting at length the words of our Chief Shepherd, Archbishop Francis Leo's Lenten Message:**

"Traditional Lenten practices take on deeper meaning when seen through the lens of our communion with God and one another (cf. CCC, 1434-1435). How? Prayer opens our hearts to God who unites us to him and to others, as Jesus himself prays that all may be one in the communion he shares with the Father (cf. Jn 17:20-23; CCC, 2564). Fasting teaches us to make room for God and for one another by reordering our priorities, and restoring justice and communion (cf. Is 58:6-7; Joel 2:12-13; St. Basil the Great, *Homily on Fasting*, 1). Almsgiving is a concrete act of solidarity, a recognition that my life is bound to the life of my neighbour, and my love cannot remain abstract but must be expressed in deeds (cf. 1 Jn 3:16-18; CCC, 2447).

The road to Jerusalem that Jesus walks is not a path done in isolation; he gathers disciples, eats with sinners, heals the broken, and calls the lost by name as He sets His face toward Calvary (Lk 9:51-19:27). Even as Jesus carried his cross, was crucified, and breathed his last, he remained focused on others and the mission entrusted to him by the Father (Mk 15:21, Lk 23:27-31; Mt 27:46-50, Lk 23:44-46; cf. Lk 2:35). To follow Jesus is to allow our own journey of repentance to become a journey of renewed communion (Lk 24:13-35; CCC, 781).

In this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal."- **Archbishop Francis Leo**

*The Season of Lent invites us to accompany Jesus in his last journey toward Jerusalem. Our earthly pilgrimage is a journey toward the heavenly Jerusalem and it is inseparably bound with the call addressed by Jesus to us all "Take up your cross and follow me," (Matt 16:24), Jesus gives us the assurance. "I am with you to the end of times" (Matt. 28:20),*

**Fr. Joeseph Chandrakanthan**  
*Pastor*