

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
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Youth Ministry	Elijah Espeza
Legion of Mary Sr.	Seth Bueler
Legion of Mary Jr.	Winnie Thien
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee
Liturgical Music	Christopher/Kevin Ku
Cantor	Ryan Wong
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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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday February 23**                      **12:10 p.m.**  
+Xavier, Theresa, & Margaret Amuthu

**Monday February 23**                      **7:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of the Genco Family  
(Genco Family)

**Tuesday February 24**                      **12:10 p.m.**  
+Ruth Pullen and Lawrence Pullen, Jr.  
(Jackie Mackenzie)

**Tuesday February 24**                      **7:00 p.m.**  
+Emiliano and Victorio Silverio

**Wednesday February 25**                  **12:10 p.m.**  
+Sister Theresa Tsang  
(Family)

**Wednesday February 25**                  **7:00 p.m.**  
+Lorella D'Sylva  
(Bernardine)

**Thursday February 26**                      **12:10 p.m.**  
+Brendan D'Souza  
(Family)

**Thursday February 26**                      **7:00 p.m.**  
Souls of unbaptized infants and children

**Friday February 27**                         **12:10 p.m.**  
+Meng Chen Chung  
(Family)

**Friday February 27**                         **7:00 p.m.**  
+Francesco Zampino  
(Family)

**Saturday February 28**                      **9:00 a.m.**  
+S.F. Joseph and Theresa Joseph  
(Mary Augustine)

**Saturday February 28**                      **5:00 p.m.**  
Intentions of Angelyn, Christine, Corazon and  
William Lee Ah-Chong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Sunday March 1.**                              **8:00 a.m.**  
For the People of the Parish

**Sunday March 1**                              **10:00 a.m.**  
Intentions of Angelyn, Christine, Corazon &  
William Lee Ah-Chong  
(JP and Virginie Chan)

**Sunday March 1.**                              **12:00 p.m.**  
+Louise Lui  
(Family)



### **First Sunday of Lent**

O Lord, as we begin this Holy Season of Lent, lead us into the desert with Christ. Strengthen us in times of temptation and guide us to grow in prayer, fasting, and love, as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



*He fasted for forty days and forty nights,  
and afterwards he was hungry.  
The tempter approached and said to him,  
"If you are the Son of God,  
command that these stones become loaves of bread."  
He said in reply,  
"It is written:  
One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."*

- Matthew 4:1-4

### MEMORIAL LAMPS - INTENTIONS



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

**For the**

**+Xavier,**

**+Theresa &**

**+Margaret Amuthu**

Requested by Fr. Joseph

&

**For,**

**Chen, Han Qing,**

**Chen-Liu, Mary Hsiu-Tzu,**

**Chen, Zhan Gjian**

Requested by

Sherry Chen

### ***In Memoriam:***

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them, Especially Mary Josephine Albert & Richard Tavares.

### ***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.

February 22, 2026

## OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join our parish community in praying the Way of the Cross during the Season of Lent  
**Beginning from Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Every Friday at our Church,**  
**After the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION TIME



Please note that First Friday Adoration will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 6:40 p.m.** Benediction will take place at **6:45 p.m.**

There will be no Adoration after 6:40 p.m., as the Stations of the Cross will follow.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



On Sunday, March 8, 2026,  
Daylight Saving Time begins.

Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

“Spring forward” 🕒

Thank you!



### 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.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

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

### *From Our Pastor ...*

## Magnificent Model of Lay Participation

A few weeks after the Solemn Dedication of St. Thomas the Apostle Church which took place on November 30, 1986 the First pastoral team which was markedly inclusive was further extended with representatives from the Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca, and the active participation of many selfless and efficient members of the Parish Community hailing from all walks of life with their professional expertise. These women and men graciously offered their leadership skills, time and talents in their ever-available enthusiastic service to the Parish. Fr. Basil Breen's described some of them as "Pillars" of the pioneering days of our Parish.

In the coming weeks, I shall present names of some of those who are now in their advanced age. They are very much with us in Spirit while others have gone to their eternal reward marked with the sign of faith.

I am meeting and listening to them as they describe significant events and episodes from the store house of their memory. In the coming weeks I shall share some of these inspiring recollections. The First Pastor of our Parish Fr. Siro, prophetically began in September 1981, a Bible Study group for Italian parishioners and the "Word of Life" program for English-speaking members of the Parish. After a month in October 1981, he started Saturday Catechism classes with the cheerful support of Sr. Addolorata who graciously helped the Pastor to instruct thirty families. Mrs. Teresa Kong gave excellent Pastoral support by teaching the Bible and catechism to the Chinese-speaking families.

*I am delighted to wish a very Happy Chinese New Year which began last Tuesday. May this New year bring blessings of health, happiness peace and prosperity to everyone,*

**This Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent and May the Lord help us to deepen our spiritual journey through penance, fasting and acts of charity.**

*Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan*  
Pastor

