

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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“My Lord and My God”

PARISH MINISTRIES & TEAM LEADS

Altar Servers	Inuka Mamuhewa
Lectors	Anna Torres
Communion Ministers	Winnie Thien
Ushers	John Yu
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
St. Vincent de Paul	905 474 1224 ext. 230

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.

CONFESIONS

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

Families should notify the Parish Office in the event of serious illness.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225
www.ycdsb.ca

DAY CARE

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday February 2	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Christine, James, Stephanie and John (Lim-Chai-Yam Family)	
Monday February 2	7:00 p.m.
+Pat Devlin	
Tuesday February 3	12:10 p.m.
+Joe Braganza (Family)	
Tuesday February 3	7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday February 4	12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Julius Arulnathan	
Wednesday February 4	7:00 p.m.
+Linda Courchene	
Thursday February 5	12:10 p.m.
+Arulnathan Soosaipillai (Family)	
Thursday February 5	7:00 p.m.
+Mark Courchene	
Friday February 6	12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Dennis and Regina Poon (Jefferson Tse)	
Friday February 6	7:00 p.m.
Friends of the Suffering Souls (Maria Lim)	
Saturday February 7	9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased Members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their living and deceased Families (Jackie Mackenzie)	
Saturday February 7	5:00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Lim-Chai-Yam Family (JP and Virginie Chan)	
Sunday February 8	8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday February 8	10:00 a.m.
+Orlando Bellen (Family)	
Sunday February 8	12:00 p.m.
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza (Family)	

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because
of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."*

- Matthew 5:1-12



Memorial Lamp Intentions for this Week

Jan 30th – Feb 5th



In Loving memory of,
Paul Kuo Young Jin,
Chi Keung Wai,
So Ling Lo,
Dewayne Chung,
Constance Yuk King Wong,
Arthur Chung

Requested by
Willie Wai

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, Larry Dean, Giuseppe
Greco & Joe Cherian.

AT OUR PARISH

THE FEAST OF PRESENTATION



On **February 2**, candles will be available for purchase in the **church foyer**. Parishioners are invited to purchase a **special candle for \$2**, which will be **Blessed during Mass** and may be taken home for personal use. **You are welcome to bring your own candle to be blessed.**



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE & BLESSING OF THROATS

On **February 3**, the Feast of St. Blaise, the Blessing of Throats will take place **after the 12:10 p.m. Mass and the 7:00 p.m. Mass**. This special blessing is offered in honor of St. Blaise, who is invoked for protection against illnesses of the throat and for good health. All are welcome to remain after Mass.



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 ...

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN THE BASIL BREEN ERA

Mr. Neil Ishmael, an enthusiastic parishioner and devoted member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, revisited some of his cherished memories from the past, retracing his steps back to the years 1983 to 1984, when he was a vibrant young man in his twenties. His family joined the parish in November 1983.

Mr. Ishmael recalled, "Fr. J. Basil Breen regularly celebrated Sunday Masses in the auditorium of Mother Teresa School. Each weekend, parishioners would help carry the chairs from downstairs, set them up in the auditorium for Holy Mass, and then store them away again after the last Mass."

At the end of the Advent season in 1983, the parish community held a second Mass for the first time—its very first Midnight Mass. In addition to the usual 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, Fr. Breen fittingly named this new celebration the 'Christmas Family Mass.'

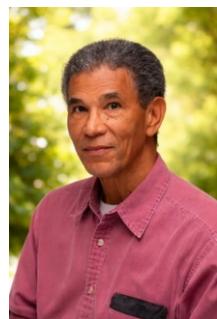
Under the leadership of Sr. Addolorata, and assisted by other nuns, the Children's Choir presented a delightful Christmas Pageant and sang beautiful carols for nearly an hour before Midnight Mass. To the awe and admiration of the congregation, the most remarkable aspect of these carols was their rendition in many languages, reflecting the rich multicultural spirit of the young parish community at the newly founded Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

In its early years, the parish gratefully remembered the generous assistance and support it received from many clergy. The Brazilians, the White Fathers, and several diocesan priests helped celebrate Holy Mass, delivered homilies, assisted with confessions, and administered the Sacrament of Baptism. Among them was Fr. Pierangelo Paternieri of the Scalabrinii Fathers, and Fr. Luigi Galanti, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate, Richmond Hill, who celebrated the Monday evening Mass in Italian—the "house language" of the daughters of St. Mary of Leuca. *To be continued*

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor



Former Mother Teresa School



*Our parishioner
Neil Ishmael revisits
1983/84 ...*