

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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My Lord and My God

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Legion of Mary	Winnie Thien
Legion of MarySr:	Seth Bueler
Men's Group	Lloyd Mascarenhas
Seniors	Les Rodrigues
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Knights of Columbus	Phillip Lee
FNE Explorers	Maurice Chang
Musician/Organist	Christopher Ku/Kevin Ku

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Retired priest in residence: Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam

Parish Manager: Jackie Mackenzie
Parish part time staff: Maureen Daunt
Geraldine Rocha

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2 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.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

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

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 OF ADVENT

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday December 22 **12:10 p.m.**
Thanksgiving for Chen Family (Cheng Family)

Monday December 22 **7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of Josephine Szeto
+Chit Szeto (Family)

Tuesday December 23 **12:10 p.m.**
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Margaret Tse (Jefferson Tse)

Tuesday December 23 **7:00 p.m.**
+Joseph and Sheila Pereira (D'Souza Family)

Wednesday December 24 **9:00 a.m.**
+Marie Anne, Maxime & Joseph
Yves Chan Yan-Fong

Wednesday December 24 **5:00 p.m.**
Christmas Eve – For the People

Wednesday December 24 **8:00 p.m.**
Christmas Eve – For the People

Wednesday December 24 **12:00 a.m.**
Christmas Eve – For the People

Thursday December 25 **8:00 a.m.**
Christmas Day – For the People

Thursday December 25 **10:00 a.m.**
Christmas Day – For the People

Thursday December 25 **12:00 p.m.**
Christmas Day – For the People

Friday December 26 **9:00 a.m.**
+Ellen Moss (Pat Stuart)

Friday December 26 **7:00 p.m.**
No Evening Mass (No Adoration)

Saturday December 27 **9:00 a.m.**
+William Lapan, Sr. (Family)

Saturday December 27 **5:00 p.m.**
Thanksgiving and intentions of Chong Ye, Chiu
Jung and Lin Family (Teresa Lin)

Sunday December 28 **8:00 a.m.**
+Ernesto Baja Soero
(Family)

Sunday December 28 **10:00 a.m.**
+John and Violet Patal
(Family)

Sunday December 28 **12:00 p.m.**
+Theresa Joseph
(Father Joseph)



THE CANDLE OF LOVE

O Lord, as we light the fourth candle of Advent, we pray for love in our world. May this light remind us to open our heart and prepare with love for the coming of Christ our Savior.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" - Luke 2:11-14



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

As we celebrate the joyful mystery of Christ's birth, we give thanks for the gift of God's love made present among us. May the light of the Baby of Bethlehem bring hope, peace and joy to your hearts!

With Christmas blessings,
The Staff and Priest resident at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: *Rev. A. Joesph Chandrakanthan, Rev. Patrick Gnanapragasam, Jackie MacKenzie, Maureen Daunt, Geraldine Rocha & Ian Mamuhewa.*



MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Red Lamps beside the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary are lit for a week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please contact the **Parish Office** for more details.



Memorial Lamp Intentions for this Week

Dec 19th – Dec 25th

For the Repose of the Souls of,
Joseph Zhang, Maria He, Joseph Xue,
Maria Zhang, Joseph Chen, Maria Guo
Requested By,
Mei Mei Xue

In Memoriam:

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them. Especially Rev. Frank Kelly & Joe Agosta

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

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, Grace Li, William Lee Ah-Chong, Deacon Everis Munroe, Linda Sanguinetti, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Mary Josephine Albert, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Mary Mangaleswaran, Yvonne Lamanna.

December 21, 2025

AT OUR PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS EVE

Confessions at 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

HOLY MASSES AT
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm &
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Confessions 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

HOLY MASSES AT

5:00 pm, 11:00 pm (Benediction & Mass will
Follow)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS AT

10:00 am & 12:00 pm



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be celebrated in Spring 2026
at St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish. Families are asked to register
by scanning the QR code provided. A mandatory parent
information meeting will be held on Wednesday,
January 21, 2026, following the 7:00pm Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Families wishing for their child to
prepare for First Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion at St. Thomas
the Apostle Parish are invited to
participate, as the celebrations will
take place in Spring 2026. Registration is required via
the QR code provided. A mandatory parent
meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026,
at 7:30 pm in the church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CAKES FOR SALE



The Knights of Columbus will have
Christmas. Cards and Cakes for sale
at the Church foyer after All Masses
on Weekends.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in
supporting your parish. With PAG and Donate Now,
Total for last week is \$ 7,696.92

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Baby Jesus Makes the World His Home

The Incarnation of the Son of God in Human
flesh, thereby making his dwelling place
within us and in our midst holds a profound
earthly relevance. Through God's intimate presence among
us in Jesus, God is elevating our dignity, revealing our true
nature, and inviting the entirety of humanity to walk on the
path of salvation. The Second Vatican Council affirmed that
as a community of redeemed people, the Church constitutes
the Sacrament of Salvation to the world. Christ's incarnation
fulfills humanity's deepest longing for divine closeness, as
God "became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14), entering
our frail reality to share our weak condition. Pope Benedict
XVI explained this in simple words: Jesus, the Word made
flesh, is truly God-with-us, who has come to live among us
and to share our human condition... In Christ, God has truly
come into the world, he has entered into our history, he has
set his dwelling among us.

Fr. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan, Pastor

WE THANK OUR TWO SCHOOLS!

Our Parish community is very thankful to the principals, staff
& students of St. Benedicts and Sr. Francis Xavier's Schools
for organizing the Students' Parents' Christmas Mass at our
parish on 18 December 2025 with the participation of a very
large community.



Federation of North-American

EXPLORERS

We wish to thank Paul Ritchi, General
Commissioner and Founder and all members of the FNE for
their spiritually edifying Participation at our Friday Mass and
for the beautiful fraternity expressed at the fellowship and
Dinner with a magnificent portrayal of their work and
history.

MISA DE GALLO NOVENA HOLY MASS

AT OUR PARISH

Will be held for 9 days
from December 16th to 24th
at 5:30 am.



**A personalized Simbang Gabi book
now available to order! please see the flyers at the foyer.**



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC is continuing to fundraise by
collecting EMPTIES, such as: Beer cans
wine bottles, spirits (Vodka, rum
or Whiskey & etc.) **Drop off location for
empties downstairs by the kitchen.** All proceeds will go to
St. Thomas the Apostle & the Charities of KOC.