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“my Lord and my God” Jn. 20:28

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday April 27 12:10 p.m.

Living and Deceased Members of the
Demers and Dube Families
(Atkins Family)

Monday April 27 7:00 p.m.

+Cecile and Pierre Maurice Li-Ying
(Pat Chong)

Tuesday April 28 12:10 p.m.

+Magdeline Ng (Cheng Family)

Tuesday April 28 7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Enrique Jose (Family)

Wednesday April 29 12:10 p.m.

+Bonnie Ho (Family)

Wednesday April 29 7:00 p.m.

+Thomas Miore

(St. Vincent De Paul Society)

Thursday April 30 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the
Athaide Family

Thursday April 30 7:00 p.m.

+Miguel Francisco
(Maria Francisco)

Friday May 1 12:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions for
Jefferson Tse (Family)

Friday May 1 7:00 p.m.

+Matilda Pinto
(Ninotchka D'Souza)

Saturday May 2 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 May 2 5:00 p.m.

+Neil Gordon (Family)

Sunday May 3 8:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday May 3 10:00 a.m.

+Monica Tavares
(Rocha Family)

Sunday May 3 12:00 p.m.

Living and Deceased Members of the
Munroe and Hudson Families



“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

- (John 10:1-10)



Our parish community joins in congratulating the newlywed couple, **Ninotchka & Aaron**, who entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony on April 11, 2026, at a Solemn Wedding Mass celebrated by **Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan**, with concelebrant **Fr. Martin Couto**.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS



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



MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

Apr 24th – Apr 30th

For

+Sandra & Jean-Paul Wong How Tseung,

+Li Kong Sen & Yap Lee Chun Ah-Chong-Requested by Virginie Chan

+ Monica Tavares (RIP Mom, always in our Hearts & Prayers)
Requested by Geraldine & Tavares family

+Bernard Benavidez-Requested by Benavidez Family

+Edmundo Manasan-Requested by Manasan Family

Intentions of Manora Family-Requested by Thomas Alex Manora

In Memoriam:

Let us pray for our departed loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them, especially Maria Nayagam Nallaia

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 & Jackie Mackenzie

April 26, 2026

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....



Bundle Up Collection – Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We will be collecting gently used clothing and other accepted items to support those in need. The Bundle Up truck will be at St. Thomas the Apostle on **May 2–3**.

Accepted items include clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels, and new toys.

Please note that furniture, baby items, construction materials, and dishes are not accepted.

Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



On Friday, May 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the church will be open for First Friday devotions, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Benediction will follow at 9:50 p.m.
All are welcome.

THE LEGION OF MARY- 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION



Saturday, May 2, 2026, beginning at 6:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

All are welcome to come and pray at any time.

Please see the bulletin board for more details.

THE BEATIFICATION OF FRIAR PEDRO DE CORPA & HIS COMPANIONS

Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will represent the Holy Father as the Papal Legate (official representative of Pope Leo XIV) at the upcoming beatification celebration of the Georgia

Martyrs, Friar Pedro de Corpa and his four Companions. The liturgical celebration will take place on October 31, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia in the USA.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL WILL BE VISITING OUR PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30 & 31.



Meet the sisters before and after all Masses as they share their mission and offer a selection of Catholic books and faith resources. Take this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith.

CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT DATES

The Retreat Day will take place on May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

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

From Our Pastor ...

Congratulations to our First Communicants

Forty children from our Parish will receive First Communion at the Masses this weekend, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. Our parish community is delighted to welcome them into full communion with us through the reception of the Eucharist. We are all called to be the Body of Christ. St. Augustine said that we consume him who consumes us meaning that our reception of the body and blood of Christ transforms us into Him. We congratulate the children and their parents and godparents who joined them this weekend at our Parish to celebrate this privileged moment of encountering the person of Christ. We also wish to express our gratitude to the teachers and catechists who imparted their faith experience to our children by way of their teaching and instructions.

When Pope Benedict XVI was asked about his First Communion, he shared his heartfelt memories on 22, April 2012: Recalling his own First Communion Day, Pope Benedict XVI said, "I remember my First Communion Day very well. It was a lovely Sunday in March 1936, the church looked very beautiful. There were about 30 of us, boys and girls from my little village of no more than 500 inhabitants. At the heart of my joyful and beautiful memories is this one ... I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had visited me. And with Jesus, God himself was with me. And I realized that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give. So on that day I was really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you," and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me." So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations."

Thus, that day of my First Communion was the beginning of a journey made together. I hope that for all of you too, the First Communion you have received in this Year of the Eucharist will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, the beginning of a journey together, because in walking with Jesus we do well and life becomes good. Pope Benedict XVI emphasized that First Holy Communion is a personal encounter with Jesus. He taught that by receiving the Eucharist, children become "living tabernacles" and are invited to maintain a lifelong friendship with Him.

May God continue to Bless our First Communicants and their families and friends.

Fr. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor