

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass for the Intentions Week

<b>Monday March 2</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Virginia Stuart (Pat Stuart)	
<b>Monday March 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Tuesday March 3</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Aloysius Braganza (Family)	
<b>Tuesday March 3</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Intentions of Genco Family (Genco Family)	
<b>Wednesday March 4</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Dinu Radulescu (Family)	
<b>Wednesday March 4</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+John Pinto (Family)	
<b>Thursday March 5</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family +Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family (Family)	
<b>Thursday March 5</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Friday March 6</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
Souls in Purgatory (Maria Lim)	
<b>Friday March 6</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Vocations to the Priesthood	
<b>Saturday March 7</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Living and deceased Members of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their living and deceased Families (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Saturday March 7</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
+Maria Lee (Cheng Family)	
<b>Sunday March 8</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
For the People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday March 8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
+Bruno Ratnasingham (Family)	
<b>Sunday March 8</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza (Family)	



### Second Sunday of Lent

Lord, lead us up the mountain with Christ Open our hearts to listen to Your beloved Son and strengthen us as we journey toward Easter. Amen.



*Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
"Lord, it is good that we are here.  
If you wish, I will make three tents here,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
While he was still speaking, behold,  
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,  
then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."  
- Matthew 17:4-5*

### MEMORIAL LAMPS - INTENTIONS



Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

For

**Clare & Fat Cheung Chan Families,  
Prudence & John Chan Families,  
Joseph For Shing Chan,  
Josephine & Michael Park Families,  
Tak Kit Leung & Family,  
Tak Fong Leung & Family**

Requested by  
Clare Chan

### *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.

March 1, 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.

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

### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

*Accompanying Jesus from Gethsemane to Golgotha*



Our Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on **March 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. This retreat is hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**. Light refreshments will follow. All parishioners are Warmly invited.

### HEALING OF THE SICK MASS



A special Healing Mass 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.



### LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW

will be held after all Weekend Masses on March 7–8, 2026, in the Church foyer. Spiritual books and devotional items will be available. Please stop by and support the Legion of Mary.

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

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

### *From Our Pastor ...*

## The Birth and Growth of the Knights of Columbus at our Parish

Past Grand Knight Dominic Florio and his wife Helen with their three children decided to move from Precious Blood Parish in Scarborough to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Markham in January 1983. The inspiration and welcome accorded to them by Fr. Lawrence Dugo and Fr. William Breen were partly instrumental in their decision to move to Markham in addition to the services and facilities provided by Mother Teresa Catholic School and Mary De Leuca Day Care.

They remembered with great affection the cordial friendship of Fr. Basil Breen who blessed their home and occasionally joined them to dinner. Florio has indelible memories of the community that was so gently formed before the physical build of the church was completed. He has very pleasant memories of working with many parish projects, including: The launching the ShareLife Campaign and taking the first steps to form the Knights of Columbus Council 10182—(KoC) with the indefatigable and passionate support of Fr. Basil Breen who enthusiastically supported all their initial endeavors.

Florio along with some other friends reminisced about travelling together to a parish in Newmarket, Ontario to learn how to form a KoC Council. They were told that a minimum of 35 members was required to establish it. Thanks to the relentless efforts of the pioneering members, within a few years, membership grew steadily, despite the on-going demographic changes happened due to the occasional relocation of some members warranted by their change of employment or moving to another city or new house etc. Though these periodic changes led to the loss of some members, KoC continued its persistent recruitment efforts.

Florio revisited his past with deep personal and fraternal emotions while recalling the names of some of the dedicated and outstanding Past Grand Knights and present ones who served the council, among whom were: Joe Virgilio, Larry Pullen, Larry Dean, Danny Naponeceno, Andy Pucyk Neil Ishmael, Domenic Florio, Herwin Shillingford, Phillip Lee and many others. Years later, Florio said that in honor of our beloved former Pastor, the council was renamed Fr. Basil Breen Council 10182. (More later...)

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan with Dominic Florio, PGK



*KoC with Fr. Basil Breen*