

# 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

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# Mass for the Intentions Week

<b>Monday January 12</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Marylou Papa	
<b>Monday January 12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Giovanni Mike Robinson (Allan Dinglasan)	
<b>Tuesday January 13</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Father William Breen (Jackie Mackenzie)	
<b>Tuesday January 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving for Sarmiran and Renisha	
<b>Wednesday January 14</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Anna Starkiewicz (Family)	
<b>Wednesday January 14</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Margaret Tse (Jefferson Tse)	
<b>Thursday January 15</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Cynthia Acayan (Family)	
<b>Thursday January 15</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Tony Pinto (Family)	
<b>Friday January 16</b>	<b>12:10 p.m.</b>
+Nick and Catherine D'Alessandro (Family)	
<b>Friday January 16</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+Sherwin Christopher Digue (Fernandes Family)	
<b>Saturday January 17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
+Kelvin Ramatour (Family)	
<b>Saturday January 17</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
+Beryl Rebeiro (Atkins Family)	
<b>Sunday January 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
+Humphrey Ho-Koon (Family)	
<b>Sunday January 18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Intentions of Jean Philippe, Virginie and Selina Chan-Yan-Fong and Family	
<b>Sunday January 18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
+Bill Ladd (Family)	

### **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan  
to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying,

"I need to be baptized by you,  
and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us  
to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized,  
he came up from the water and behold,

the heavens were opened for him,

and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a  
dove

and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased."

- Matthew 3:13-17



### **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**

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

For Repose of the Souls of

Stanislaus Ignatius Gomes, Mary Hermelinda Gonsalves  
Gomes, Jozef & Regina Miszuk, Chester & Henrietta  
Miszuk.

For the Special intentions of,  
Andy Pucyk

Requested by the  
Pucyk Family

#### **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, 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 & Joe Agosta.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed  
yourselves with Christ."

- Galatians 3:27

## AT OUR PARISH .....

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Spring 2026 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. 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 Church 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.**



### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

You are welcome to pick up your **2026 offertory envelopes** at the side table near the entrance of the church. Please discard any unused **2025 envelopes**. If you receive an **unlabeled envelope** from the Parish Office, kindly print your **full name, address, and phone number** on the envelope during your first few donations. Parishioners wishing to begin using the envelope system may obtain new boxes from the **Parish Office**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

### ROSARY APOSTOLATE



Rosary Apostolate is seeking volunteers to send the message of the Rosary to children in the schools under our parish.

For more details contact:  
Catalina Nicolas at 416 6488905  
Rosalia Di Blasi at 416 414 1324

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting your parish

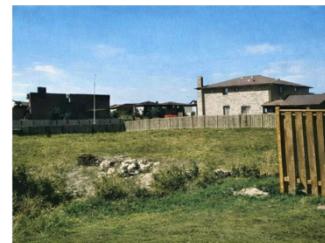
### FROM OUR PASTOR.....

A Landmark Year in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of our Parish Church

### 1986-2026

On November 30, 2025, we inaugurated with a Solemn High Mass the **FOURTIETH YEAR** of the dedication of our Parish. It's important that we travel back along the memory lane to recapture the original vision, hope and expectation of the Pastor and the congregation who came together to lay the foundation for this great community in the Northeastern portals of the city of Markham. In this column I shall try to paint in broad strokes some of the glimpses of the past that would serve to enlighten our present spiritual pilgrimage and so enable us to travel enthusiastically into the future. According to available historical records "The Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Markham, was established by His Eminence, Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter, Archbishop of Toronto, on January 6, 1982. Fr. Siro Lunardon was appointed the founding Pastor, he celebrated the First Mass on January 13, 1982, in the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Mary Leuca and the first Sunday Mass on January 17 in the gymnasium of Mother Teresa Catholic School. More pieces of history later....

*Fr. A. Joseph Chandrakanthan  
Pastor*



Pic #1 Artist drawing of the church. Pic #2: plain ground before building.

### 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MISA DE GALLO (Simbang Gabi)

We thank those members of our Parish community who fervently and devotedly organized the nine-day Simbang Gabi Novena with the active presence and support of the daughters of St. Leuca. Our Parish gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of **\$3,004.00** to our parish. We thank the Lord for the generosity and benevolence of all those who participated and contributed in manifold ways to strengthen our spiritual journey in the Season of Advent. May God Bless us all.

